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# **ANORAKS**

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The National broadcasting service in Ireland (RTE), looks set to lose its monopoly, according to encouraging noises emanating from Governmental sources in the Republic. The changes will be outlined, we understand, in a broadcasting bill due to be published within a month. Various conflicting newspaper reports have stated that the current un-licensed stations operating at present will be able to apply, others have said that only the ones paying the likes of VAT, PRS, etc., etc., will be licensed and others still, have said that the 'pirates' will be scuppered. All, however, have agreed that RTE will be allowed no part in the new tier of broadcasting. Whatever happens, things at least sound encouraging, so let's hope that this time, the Government can find the momentum to carry through their ideas, which in the past have fizzled out at a very early stage, due to disagreements with the opposition parties, who, in such a minority Government, are able to block plans such as these. If the existing stations are licensed, and Radio Tara takes off, Ireland could well find itself in a very prominent position, sound broadcasting - wise.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** This week, we have on offer a rather impressive black and white mini - poster, 'Driftback 20', the centre spread of the current Offshore Echo's (No. 68). 32 famous faces are featured, all pictured at the 'Driftback 20' function in August. Unlike the OEM insert, this poster has a blank back, meaning that anyone just buying the mini - poster and not OEM, will not know who is who. Please request a photo copied name sheet if this is the case. The price is 75p.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** After a few production problems, **Media Monitor** was only a couple of days late, and contains 24 pages of news and information on all aspects of radio. In No. 56 there is the usual news section, along with 'World Frequency Data'(for shortwave listeners), and a 'Free Radio News' section. Inside the back cover, is the current Radio Finland - English schedule. For more information write to Roger Tidy, 88/90 Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8AA, England..... **FRS Goes DX** continues to be one of the most consistent magazines in English, even though it is printed in Holland. No. 64 includes news and loggings for the past few weeks, on both Radio Monique and Caroline, as well as the m.v. Communicator. A detailed shortwave section of 4 pages is also included. Write for details of subscriptions to F.R.S. Holland, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands..... For those just interested in the SW band, **Short Wave Newsletter** Issue 27 has the latest schedules from world broadcast stations, a bandscan of 19, 16, 13 and 11 metres. Also of interest is which Clandestine stations to look out for currently, and the usual 'free radio' loggings and information. For details on this one, contact SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... **Caroline Movement (Thanet Branch) Newsletter No.22.** Jenny and co. from Kent produce this sheet, well actually three sides, this time. Every issue becomes more interesting. What started off as a local branch activity sheet, is fast becoming a news - sheet also. Well worth sending for a copy, even more so, as it is free! An SAE to CM (TB), 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JG will ensure a copy by return..... **Britain Radio International Newsletter (Autumn 1987).** Station info, activity and future plans, plus details of merchandise available. An SAE should get a sample copy, along with details of subs. BRI, 32 Victoria Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3NG.

**TAPE OFFER.** As there are so many new deejays on **Radio Caroline** at the moment, we decided to offer two recordings of them in this week's report, especially for those readers who find it difficult to hear the station, and with the short days and poor groundwave conditions, this sector is much larger at present. Tape 115 features Tim Allen hosting an afternoon show on 23rd October. As we mentioned when he was first heard, Tim has been a well known voice on the airwaves of West London over the past few years. Tape 116 is yet another afternoon show, but this time, with latest host, Nigel Harris, and was broadcast on 28th October. All Caroline tapes are recorded on the coast of Essex, hence are of the best quality possible. Finally, for Tape 117, we fly to Ireland for a recording of one of the newer stations on Dublin, **Cara 95 FM.** This station was formerly called Heartbeat FM, and was taken over by Lawrence John, who gave it this name, on his return from Riviera 104 in Italy. This recording features Lawrence himself on the 'Cara Breakfast', as well as Maurice Nevin on 'Cara Tea - Time'. Radio Cara only broadcast on the FM band and can only be heard in Dublin and surrounding areas. As always the price is £2.00 per C.90 cassette.

**WANTED.** Service information for Spotmaster 500 - B NAB Cartridge machine (circa 1970). Will pay costs of photocopying etc..... Contact Stephen Machin, 1 Brigg Road, Barton-on-Humber, South Humberside... Tel: (0652) 32205.

**WANTED.** RNI poster, preferably colour....state price, D. Thorpe, 44 Townfield Road, Flitwick, Bedfordshire, or P.O. Box 539, etc.

**FOR SALE.** Sony ICF 7600D, multi - band, pocket portable, good condition, £95 for quick sale... Contact Brian Murray, 22 (2F3) Wardlaw Place, Edinburgh EH11 1UF.

**MONITOR MAGAZINE.** Editor, Penelope Page, sadly informs us that due to recent extensive storm damage to the house, along with damage to the word processor, caused by fluctuating voltages, the next issue, No.37, due out in December will not now appear until some time in the new year. This is very much regretted, but unfortunately un - avoidable.

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.**

A big 'welcome back' to Sean Brady from Kilnaleck in County Cavan, who sends the following report on activity as heard in the midlands area.... **"Energy 103":** The station's

AM signal on 738kHz. is just about listenable here, during daytime. However, it is accompanied by a loud hum, caused, no doubt, by **Independent Radio Mayo** on the same channel, who can also be heard, albeit rather weakly. Although on low power, Energy still dominate the 738kHz. channel. On 103.0MHz.FM, the station can be heard at all times in excellent stereo.

**Q 102:** This station is pleasantly audible here, in superb stereo, on both 101.9 and 102.3MHz. On 819KHz., by simply turning the receiver, Q can be received, despite local station, **Cavan Community Radio**, also on 819KHz., only being 'down the road'".

Sean sends further news, but some will have to be held over till next week, unfortunately.

Other Dublin news this week, **Christian Community Radio**, located in Merrion Square, have apparently been raided due to causing interference to the Belfast transmitter of the BBC. CC Radio broadcast on 90.2MHz., but for a long time, lots of complaints of interference were directed towards them, resulting in quite a lot of media coverage. CC's owner, Mr O'Mahoney, always argued that the BBC transmissions were never intended for a Dublin audience, but obviously, these officials did not share this view. According to Kieran Murray, a new station called **South Dublin Community Radio** has been heard on 97.7MHz. The format appeared to be similar to the old Radio Galaxy. (ie. many '78's played). Kieran also mentioned that Radio Cara appeared to have reverted back to **Heartbeat FM**. He also stated that Lawrence John, responsible for the change to Cara, was conspicuous by his absence. There still seems some uncertainty about who is currently broadcasting on 94.8MHz. As reported last week, **Dundrum Community Radio** appear to have returned, now that **KLAS** have ceased transmissions on this channel. However, Kieran today, reported hearing **Clondalkin Community Radio (3CR)** on the same channel. Maybe someone in Dublin can help clarify what the situation exactly is, here. Test tones have been reported on 103.5MHz., possibly from CVA FM? Finally, **Signal FM** have now moved from 96.2 to 93.8MHz. **Capitol Radio/Nitesky**, whose studio link was on 93.8Mhz., are now understood to be using a UHF link to their main transmitter site.

**Co. MONAGHAN.** According to sketchy reports on the **Radio West** free radio show, one of the proposed Monaghan stations has taken to the air, on the over - crowded channel of 999kHz. Despite our own local ILR station on this channel, we managed to null this out and were left with a bad heterodyne whistle. This could well have been caused by this new station, but more than likely, by the station in Wexford, **CRW**. They were unable to clarify this in Mullingar, as local station, **Midway Radio**, also occupies this channel.

**Co. DONEGAL.** **WABC**, 'The Hot 107' from Inishowen Point, have moved frequency on FM, from 106.0MHz., to 107.0MHz. A quick check yesterday, from this location, revealed the station with good strength, despite the great distance. It must be assumed that the WABC transmitter is located at quite a high point. The station address is... WABC, P.O. Box 1242, Coleraine, Northern Ireland. **Radio North** have been noted in Scotland on 96.0, 99.8 and 104.1MHz., as well as 846kHz. The latter is audible here in Blackpool, with the use of a 'tilting' loop, despite **Sunshine Radio's** strong signal on the same channel. A second mailing address has been announced.... **Radio North**, Spencer Street, Waterside, Derry City, Northern Ireland. **Glencoigh Radio** is fairly audible at times, in many parts of Western Britain, with a mainly country and Irish format, on 1125kHz. Plenty of commercials are reported for towns in Counties Donegal and Sligo.

**Co. KILKENNY.** The new station in Kilkenny, **A.M.S.** seems to be doing quite well, we understand, on 98.6Mhz. Their curent hours of operation are 07:30 until 00:30, extending to 02:00 at the weekends. The address is... **Astra Media Services**, The Arcade, High Street, Kilkenny...Tel: (056) 65877. **KCR** in the same town, has its new 300 watt FM transmitter in operation on 97.3MHz., in stereo. From the mountain site, the signal has been heard on the quayside in Waterford and in a car at Whitegate in County Cork. The station continues as normal on 1395kHz.AM.

**Co. CORK.** It appears, according to free radio shows heard today, that **Boyneside Radio** are a little annoyed about **Radio ERI** in Cork and its off - channel transmitter. Despite several attempts by Boyneside Radio, to speak to someone at ERI about it, no one seems at all bothered.

**m.v. Communicator.** Word reaches us from the vessel, that the several days of very good weather and calm seas, have enabled the engineers and welders on board to complete the welding on the new masts. There are now two masts of around 40 metres in length, lying along the deck awaiting erection. It appears as if money is only being given in small amounts by the 'new backers', and that someone has to check on the current situation with the masts before they will release any more money for equipment and parts to hoist the two masts. Once the masts are up, it only requires the aerial array to be hoisted up, and the station could be on the air. But all this hinges on the weather, and how quick money can be released for the hoisting, which in itself, will be quite a major job.

**CAROLINE.** A little addition to last week's column concerning the on/off times of the 558kHz. transmitter last Sunday (25th), courtesy of Stuart in Staffordshire. At 07:30, the records began to slow down, and at 07:36 the station went off, but the carrier was left on until 08:00. At 08:07 it was switched on again, but went off at 08:13. Audio returned along with the carrier at 08:30, but cut off again between 08:39 and 08:41. At 08:59, Radio Caroline signed off for essential maintainance, as did Radio Monique on 963kHz. At 11:00, both stations returned to the air, and everything seems to have gone well since.

Lots of confusion has arisen over the past few days, as to who is actually on board the **Ross Revenge** doing programmes. We mentioned last time, that the station now had a full complement of staff, and were returning to 24 hour a day programming. We also said, that this meant Steve Conway did not have to fill in with programmes at the weekend, and could direct all his efforts into the news service. Then, just after we posted the 'WR', we were surprised to hear Steve Conway on the air, late on Sunday night. From other reports we hear that he and Mike Watts were filling in on this late night shift. Monday (26th October) saw a complete change around in the schedule, from the settled one the previous Friday. Peter Philips and Jackie Lee remained in their respective slots of breakfast and mid - morning. Then at 13:00, Nigel Harris was in the chair, having been moved up from the late evening programme. Tim Allen, who hosted these afternoon shows last week, then turned up at 17:00 for drive time. Steve Conway was announced as being on the air at 21:00, however we did not listen until 23:30, when Mike Watts was presenting a show. So, there was no sign of Simon West, who only just returned to the ship in the middle of last week. The line - up continued the same for the rest of the week... 05:00 Peter Philips... 09:00 Jackie Lee... 13:00 Nigel Harris... 17:00 Tim Allen... 21:00 Steve Conway... 23:00 Mike Watts... 01:00 Pat Brooks.

Tuesday evening / Wednesday morning saw a few things happening with the studio. Pat Brooks anounced in the early hours, that he had been relegated from the 558 studio, to the old 'Overdrive' studio at the rear of the ship. This was due to the engineers performing a few repairs in the main on - air studio. Pat later complained that he was not used to the ship bobbing up and down, which is more noticeable in the rear studio. Jackie Lee read the news on Wednesday morning, as Steve Conway was unable to venture from his bed, presumably due to working too many hours. Steve still hadn't surfaced by lunchtime, and Tim Allen took his place on the 13:00 news. The man himself was back on the drive - time news however. On Thursday Nigel Harris said at the start of his show that there was a music loving sparrow flying about in the record library, as he was preparing his programme. Later on Thursday night / Friday morning, Mike Watts was hosting the second half of the 21:00 - 01:00 slot, when he announced that the station would close at 01:00. This it did with the 'Caroline' theme, but it was back on the air at around 02:00. We did not hear any reason for this gap in programming.

Radio Caroline 558 was heard on Wednesday on 6220kHz., and again on Thursday, on 5955kHz. We are not sure whether these transmissions actually emanated from the ship, or were just tests from another location. 5955kHz. was audible only for a short time in between broadcasts from Radio Nederland who use this frequency with a 500kW transmitter!

A paperback 'from all good bookstalls', called "Who's Really Who", priced at £4.99, has been heard advertised quite a lot this week. A promotion for the latest Brighton Record Fair was aired up until today and also, one for the Carline Rock Show, featuring Dr. Feelgood, at the Brecklands Sports Centre in Thetford, Norfolk.

**LAND - BASED STATIONS. MERSEYSIDE.** Phil Davies of Liverpool Pirate Radio, appeared in Liverpool Magistrates Court last Wednesday, following the case being deferred earlier in the year. This time he was actually fined £100, and had to pay an additional £50 costs. Also postponed from several weeks ago were the cases of around 9 Radio Merseywaves staff, who pleaded not guilty at that time. Their cases come up at Birkenhead Magistrates on 5th November.

**Slag - Off International** was noted here last Sunday, on 105.2MHz., around 22:00, but had closed down by 22:22. **C.D.F.M.** (105.2) was reported as being on the air on Friday night (30th), until around 01:00 on Saturday morning. We did not listen here, so were unable to verify this.

Nothing was heard here in Blackpool from this area, until Saturday morning, when **Radio Atlantis** (1197kHz.) was putting out a very good signal from around breakfast time. **Radio Merseywaves** (1242kHz.) also commenced their regular weekend broadcasts on Saturday morning, and were announcing a schedule through until 03:00 on Monday morning. After going off the air suddenly last week, **North Coast Radio** returned with a bang this weekend, and were putting out an extremely strong signal on 1350kHz. Only medium wave was being announced, and the FM is believed to have been dropped for a while. The signal is strong enough at times to even over-ride the strong French station on this frequency. Perhaps the station are now at a new site, as last week, the signal was so weak the foreigner was causing 'wobbling' even during the daylight hours. **Eastham Community Radio** were reported to be on the air on Saturday afternoon and evening on 105.0MHz., but they were not audible here.

On Sunday, **Veronica 104** put in their regular lunchtime appearance on 104.75MHz. Neil Frazer closed the station down at just before 14:15.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE.** A letter in from Stephen and Christine, operators of **Radio Veronica** in Bradford, informs us that the station has now closed down for a while due to other commitments. They would like to say a big 'Thank You' to the many friends they have made, and for all their wonderful letters and good wishes. These 'daring' transmissions were made possible by look-outs Neil, Alan and many more, and it got to the stage where the station could switch off 50 seconds before the Police and DTI knocked on the door. Apparently this occurred several times recently. **Soundwaves 105** were only heard on Friday night, between about 20:30 and 21:45, on a frequency of 105.2MHz.

Stephen informs us that in Leeds, both **ABC FM** and **MCR** were raided last month. **ABC FM** lost the VHF transmitter, but as **Music City Radio** did not use a link, they lost everything. However **Music City Radio** (90.3) were back on the air last Sunday, 25th October. Their programmes included a promotion for the station, which mentioned the fact that **MCR** is now back, following seizure of transmitting equipment by the Department of Trade and Industry. They said that they are back "due to the support of our listeners". Several adverts have already been aired including one for a recording studio, and another for a newly released single. The station was also heard on Monday night, but when checked the rest of the week, this frequency was silent. A three day weekend is believed to be now in operation.

From the Hull area, we hear that a station we mentioned some time ago, called **Radio Tachoradi** is still on the air. The station is apparently broadcasting on Friday nights from 18:00 - 19:00, and Saturday nights from 17:30 - 19:00. Formerly on 102MHz., a move has been made to the clearer frequency of 105MHz., and broadcasts are in mono. The station was off the air on 16th October, but returned the following night, with the deejay, **K.D.**, mentioning that he had been caught in the storms the previous day in London and that that evening's programmes had been recorded in the studio of a London free radio station. Several jingles are used including 'This is Tachoradi, soul to Hull and surrounding areas', and 'Radio Tachoradi, the soul station to Humberside.' Adverts have been noted since 17th October for several record shops in the area, and a 'Darley Arms Soul Night Out', in Walker Street, Hull. An address is given of Rear Group Promotions, c/o 57 Albany Street, Spring Bank, Hull. Also announced was a planned expansion to the programme schedule. Thanks to Andy in Hull for the above information.

In South Yorkshire, **Ocean Sound** who operated

on 106.3MHz. have apparently been forced into temporary closure, due to being constantly watched by the DTI in council vans.

**MANCHESTER. The Illegal Broadcasting Company (I.B.C.)** re-commenced broadcast on 25th October, between 16:30 and 02:00. This was following time off the air, due to a raid on the station some weeks ago. They were using the same 104.4MHz. frequency, with 40 watts. The station was also on Monday evening (26th) between 19:00 and 01:00. On Tuesday night, I.B.C. were once again broadcasting, but at 22:35, were raided in Rochdale by 3 DTI officials and 2 local police. It appears as if someone is informing the authorities about this station, as they had only been on the air a few times before the raid, and it would have been virtually impossible for them to know that the station existed, track them down and then obtain a warrant in such a short time, unless they were pointed in the right direction. The previous raid was also suspicious in that a few minutes prior to it, the station received a telephone call saying 'Ha Ha, you've been raided'. Strange things indeed!

Other stations currently on air in the area, include **Independent Community Radio (I.C.R.)**, who broadcast from Thursday until Monday on 103.5MHz., and **W.K.L.R.** to Stockport on 97MHz., Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

**THE MIDLANDS.** **Sunshine Radio** are still off the air in Shropshire. The operators are believed to be taking a break, after a successful six week experimental broadcast. In Birmingham, **P.C.R.L.** (103.65) and **Enterprise FM** (90.9) are both plugging away with 7 day schedules. Neither have had any problems with the authorities recently, although we hear that complaints have been received about problems in picking up **Radio 3** in the vicinity of the **Enterprise** transmitter. **PCRL** are now broadcasting in stereo, although, have a hum on the audio. A recent visitor to their headquarters told us that security was quite high and an intercom system was in use to gain entry. The station was selling calendars, rulers, key rings, pens, etc. and even **PCRL** carrier bags. A petition was there for visitors to sign, in order to get the station legalised. **Asian Community Radio** are still on the air each day on 105.6MHz. They are just community orientated and no adverts have been noted on this station. The only other station heard today was **Soul City Radio** on 103.95. **U.K. Radio** is expected to be on the air later this evening on 105.2MHz. They were heard last Sunday on this frequency. **RENFREWSHIRE.** Just **Radio Neon** (103.9) has been on the air this week in this area. They were heard on Wednesday at 20:00 - 22:30, Saturday between 14:00 and 16:00, and are expected to be on this afternoon between 14:00 and 16:30. The **Anorak Show** continues to be heard on a Sunday afternoon. The second **Neon Radio** party night is also to be held tonight, and adverts have been included in the local papers.

**LONDON.** Sid's report for the weekend of 23rd to 26th October reads as follows..... "Touched down on 24 stations, 9 being in stereo. No new sounds were noted this weekend. However **Trax** was revived (if that's the right word), for one day on Friday (23rd). Missing / Not heard : - **CDR**, **London Rock**, **GCRL**, **Studio 1**, **WNK**. Went missing / Busted? : **SRI**, **Girls FM**, **Trax FM**, **Chicago '87**.

The cold clear nights of this weekend brought, not only freezing fog and the first touch of Autumn, but also high pressure conditions. The resultant long distance skip of mainly UK transmitters, sometimes made the picking out of the privateer stations a bit tricky, unless on the top of the transmitter. This culminated on Monday morning, with the ball - by - ball commentary on the Test Match from the **Sutton Coldfield Radio 3** transmitter, completely obliterating the 60's soul revival show on North London's **Soul FM** (90.6).

A massive stereo silence greeted those who tuned to 104.8MHz., expecting to hear the cheerful sounds of **JBC** on waking up on Thursday morning (22nd), as the **BBC** re-started extended transmitter tests for **Radio 1**. The strength of the signal, which can be picked up on the coast, suggests that the service area is going to be much greater than the London area originally thought. So far only a stereo carrier wave has been noted.

**JBC** who were forced to switch channels a few weeks back when the first of the **BBC** tests took place, were busy re-aligning their transmitters. By Saturday morning, **JBC** were carrying out a series of tests of their own, in mono, on 104.35MHz. This slot recently became vacant when **WNK** lost a transmitter to sources unknown.

Just after 17:00, a carrier was noted and then non - stop music. During Saturday, a full stereo service was resumed with a much improved signal. In N.E. and Central London, problems were occurring with slight interference from B.G.C.R. (the daytime Greek service) next door on 104.2MHz., but in the South, reception has never been better.

North East London's **Trax FM** (105.6) came on the air for the first time since 30th November 1986. At that time they were noted for their terribly distorted links. This second broadcast was evidence that things have not improved in the intervening eleven months. Further distortion was caused by the presence of a **Fresh FM** (103.35) harmonic (although this caused no problems to **Hits FM** on the same frequency on Sunday), and they were also frequent interruptions from the SEGB emergency despatcher. Although claiming to have a 24 hour, live and direct operation, their life expectancy on that frequency was understandably short, and they had disappeared within a few hours.

Even as I wrote last week, proclaiming the imminent demise of **LWR** (92.05 - stereo), they were re - locating in a new studio and transmitting site on the higher reaches of Norwood Hill. They are now putting out a signal which is certainly on a par with **Fresh FM** (103.35 - stereo), **TKO** (102.4 - stereo) and not far behind market leaders **Time FM** (103.75 - stereo). The off - air relay in Sutton, has now been dismantled and the tx put into store for emergencies. No other relays are now thought likely.

At the other end of town, and in the early hours of Sunday morning, an **RJR** (90.0) presenter was heard appealing for the station manager to come to the studio, as his follow - on had failed to turn up. Apparently the thought of another two hours sitting over hot wheels, was no joke, after playing records for five hours non - stop. Wonder how he would feel sitting out on the South Falls in force eight gales?

**KISS FM** (93.95 - stereo) were suffering from some nasty whistles and pops for a few hours on Saturday / Sunday night. It was initially thought that it was part of an extended live mix, until a jock came on to apologise. All seemed to have returned to normal by Sunday lunchtime.

Oldies freaks who listen to **Hits FM** (105.6), only had a single helping this weekend, as they only made it on air for Sunday.

It's back to mono, as the highly articulate Clare Mansfield makes the lengthy trek South from co - managing North London's **R - FM** (94.3), to join pop - rockers, **Raiders FM** (97.8). Clare's new spot is now Friday night between 23:00 - 01:00, when she is expected to continue playing the best of new album rock, as well as previewing new, and un - recorded London rock bands. Maybe station manager, and Beatle freak, Mike Somers, might occasionally re - run Clare's tapes in the early hours of the morning, instead of his own.

Meanwhile back at the ranch, or **R - FM** if you prefer, things are beginning to move. Saturday, and 94.3MHz. came alive to the sounds of rock's greatest hits. An almost non - stop plough through the last twenty years or so, hosted by Mark Rogers. **R - FM** is now officially on air, in seven two hour strips, from 09:00 until 23:00 on Sundays, but frequently extends these hours, and is presented by what are fast becoming the 'Magnificent Seven'. No doubt the early start was intended to forestall the expected following days transmission from **K - Jazz** on the same frequency. This was not to be, as at 04:00 Sunday, the **K - Jazz** transmitter was switched on, and after a few minutes warming up, music tests began prior to the 10:00 official start time. If anything, the signal was even more powerful than last week, wiping **R - FM** off the Central and South London map. What happened next is not clear, but **K Jazz** failed to make their full broadcast, and the way was left clear for a virtually uninterrupted **R - FM** schedule.

That's it, another apparently quiet weekend on the London radio front, but there still seems plenty to write about, and also plenty to leave out."

Our thanks, as ever to Sid, for the details from last weekend, now on to this weekend, and heard so far has been.....**RTR** (90.4), **Sky FM** (91.7), **LWR** (92.1), **Solar Radio** (93.0), **Starpoint Radio** (94.2), **RFM** (94.3), **Kiss FM** (93.95), **Raiders** (97.8), **Traffic Jam** (98.0), **TKO** (102.4), **Fresh FM** (103.3), **Time** (103.8) and Greeks on 105.5MHz. Not heard by our reporters this weekend, were **JBC** and **CDR**. **Time** and **Fresh** were heard on Friday night, but

when checked on Saturday, neither were audible, and we are not sure as to why. Two reports today, mentioned the fact that the **BBC Radio 1 FM** transmitter on 104.8MHz., is somewhat distorted and 'dirty'.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** It's all bad news concerning the biggest station in this area, **A.B.C. Radio** (105.3). Two weeks ago, the station had its P.O. Box cancelled by the Post Office. This disturbing news came in the form of a letter to D.J. Mike Williams. No reason for the closure of the Box was actually given in writing, but when a phone call was made to find out more, he was told that the box was being used for a 'pirate' station. A.B.C. would like to know if any other stations have had similar problems, or have A.B.C. been singled out? Despite the severe weather on the South Coast, the station managed to make it to the air as usual on 105.3MHz. After the bad news about the P.O. Box, a further blow was struck on 25th October, when they were victims to a massive D.T.I. and Police raid to their transmitter site. Just before the tape change at 20:00, they pounced and gave chase to two of the A.B.C. crew. Luckily the two managed to get away, but all the gear was lost, including the excellent 65 watts transmitter. As a result, A.B.C. hope to be on the air tonight with a 30 watt stand by transmitter for a shortened broadcast, to explain to listeners what happened. This will consist of a 6 minute loop tape, which will be played three times at 19:00. A new mailing address is now in operation : A.B.C., 128 Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex. The station is expected to stay off the air for a while to monitor further DTI activity.

#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS...Today's Log.

6204kHz...**SUPERCLAN RADIO**, at 11:41gmt.

6210kHz...**A.M.S.**, at 10:35gmt.

6230kHz...**RADIO GEMINI**, at 10:40gmt.

6240kHz...**GOOD NEWS RADIO**, at 11:39gmt.

6240kHz...**RADIO RAINBOW INT.**, at 12:06gmt.

6275kHz...**RADIO LIMIT**, at 09:00.

6275kHz...**SATELLITE BROADCASTING CO.**, at 09:30gmt.

6275kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 10:52gmt.

6280kHz...**KIWI RADIO**, at 09:33gmt.

6280kHz...**RADIO 49**, at 10:51gmt.

6280kHz...**RADIO ANDREA**, at 11:37gmt.

6280kHz...**WESTSIDE RADIO INT.**, at 13:05gmt.

6290kHz...**RADIO LIMIT**, at 09:05gmt.

6290kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 11:12gmt.

6293kHz...**P.F.B.S.**, at 11:30gmt.

6304kHz...**SOUTH WEST RADIO**, at 11:45gmt.

6310kHz...**R. EAST COAST COMMERCIAL**, at 11:23gmt.

6318kHz...**CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD RADIO**, at 10:50gmt.

6318kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 12:25gmt.

6815kHz...**RADIO 49**, at 11:43gmt.

6850kHz...**RADIO SKYWAVES INT.**, at 11:19gmt.

7361kHz...**RADIO 101**, at 08:23gmt.

7423kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 10:37gmt.

The skip conditions today favoured the more local stations, and as a result, most Irish broadcasters were audible well, throughout the morning. Thanks to today's loggers who telephoned in from the South Coast, Midlands and Hampshire.

The station on 6210kHz. was relayed by **Riverside Radio International**. It was a new FM station called **A.M.S.** broadcasting from the Kilkenny area. Many adverts were heard for shops in Kilkenny. They had given **Riverside Radio** permission for the relay and promise to reply to all who send in reception reports. Their address is... **Astra Media Services**, The Arcade, High Street, Kilkenny.

**Radio Gemini** made one of their very rare appearance this morning, and were announcing a new address, it was 32 Puller Road, Boxmore, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

**Radio Limit** were heard on two channels this morning, but these were from two different sites, and the tapes were about 5 minutes apart.

Another new station was using the transmitter on 6318kHz., calling itself **Cruisin**, 'Solid Gold Radio For Europe'. They announced an address of 100 Watson Crescent, Peterhead, Scotland.

Additions to last Sunday's (25th October) log from Podney includes **BRITAIN RADIO INTERNATIONAL** on 6200kHz. at 09:48gmt, **FRS HOLLAND** on 6280kHz. at 10:46gmt, **E.M.R.** on 6725kHz. at 10:34gmt and **RADIO SKYWAVE INTERNATIONAL** on 6850kHz. at 10:52gmt.

Our thanks as ever, to all contributors to this week's issue.

# **The WEEKLY REPORT**

## **ANORAKS**

### **The First with the News in Print**

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When we started Weekly Report in 1984, we wondered at the time if we would be able to maintain something so ambitious, that is, producing a magazine weekly, and being able to find enough things to print. As many know, we started with a single foolscap sheet, then a folded A4 sheet (this made 4 x A5 sides), then a folded B4 sheet (4 x bigger sides), we even tried a folded A3 sheet (4 x A4 sides), but that was a disaster. The printing started big, then not so big, then smaller and smaller! Suggestions/solutions include... 1) Extra pages... no, that would mean extra charges and quite honestly, we believe the amount we charge for WR is just about right. 2) Smaller type.... don't be silly! 3) Fortnightly, with extra pages.... no, that would defeat the object. 4) An extra single page with a paid advert on the reverse, in other words, actually inside the report. The page with the advert would cost £20.00, but may look better if it were split up into maybe 2 or 4 separate adverts, costing £10 or £5 resp., depending on availability. This could be interesting, but anyone with further suggestions, or wanting to avail of an advert reaching in excess of 700 readers in the U.K. and abroad, might like to give us a call on (0253) 882017 during office hours. Since we wrote the above piece, we have accumulated so much news etc., that we have no choice but to try the extra sheet this week. Let us know your comments about it, as we have included relevant station stickers and 'flyers' to break up the text, once again.

**WEEKLY REPORT and CUTTINGS** is produced, printed, and posted out each Sunday, from Blackpool. To become a subscriber, the following weekly rates are current..... First Class (U.K.) and EEC countries, including Eire, 35p..... Second Class (U.K. only), 30p..... Non - EEC countries (Switzerland, Finland etc.), 40p..... Elsewhere in the world (via Air Mail), 50p. You may subscribe for as many weeks as you wish, at the appropriate rate.

**THE ANORAKS U.K. INFO - LINE** on (0795) 511118 gives you the latest regularly up - dated information in a three minute message. If you have news for us, then call (0795) 511119 and leave your message after the whistle tone. We regret, however, that we cannot handle any merchandise or subscription queries on this line.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS.** Everyone on our mailing list will, by now, have received our latest merchandise list. Stocks are high, all items are available, it is now up to you. Don't leave it till the last minute and risk being disappointed, order now for Christmas (and beat the Post Office!).

**NEW MERCHANDISE.** Not new, but regularly up - dated, are our Irish Independent Radio Station booklets. 4 x A4 sides containing on Side 1, all medium wave operators, in frequency order, with FM frequencies and source of signal. On side 2, all stations, with addresses and telephone numbers. Side 3 lists all FM only, operators and side 4 is devoted to short wave broadcasters. Recognised by experts as the most accurate, and excellent value at 50p..... We are delighted to report that we have once again, obtained further supplies of the 7" and 12" versions of the single, 'I Spy For The DTI' by the Moronic Surveyors. This record, issued during Laser's first reign in 1985, boasts an excellent colour sleeve in each case (both the same). Aerial shots of the m.v.'s Communicator and Dioptric Surveyor (the DTI spy boat) are featured. Prices remain the same at £2.25 for the 7" and £4.00 for the 12".

**NEW ARRIVALS.** Medium Wave News, issue 8, for November. 16 x A5 sides of news and logs in this issue. As always, recommended for MW enthusiasts. General enquiries about the club and magazine should be directed to secretary, Harold Emblem, 137A Hampton Road, Southport, Merseyside PR8 5DY. This organisation is famous for its re - prints, that is, making available past interesting articles and radio station lists. The current edition lists a score of 're - prints' including things like 'Addresses for Dutch medium wave pirate radio stations', etc. If anyone would like a photo - copy of this list, as it contains some exceptionally interesting articles and listings, we would be only too pleased to send you one. Please request 'MWN Re - prints list'..... **Current Pirate List 6** by Stefan Printz, appears monthly and lists all current SW operators, along with addresses. 4 X A5 sides. Some Sunday SW logs included. 1 x IRC to CPL, c/o Apelvagen 13, 330 17 Rydaholm, Sweden, should get you a copy..... **Play - DX**, Issues 479 and 480. Each, 6 x A4 sides of logs and news, mainly in English, some Italian and Spanish, though. Details from Dario Monferini via Davazati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **Now Radio** is now up to Issue 39, and as always contains plenty of news about legal radio stations, as well as what's happening in other aspects of radio. The latest edition has 28 x A5 pages and includes the regular 'Roses Ramblings', and also a special feature in which Rob Chapman remembers tuning about the radio band in the mid - sixties. For more details, write to Now Radio Communications, P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW..... **Radiotelex** Issue 110, the fortnightly read for SW enthusiasts, has 4

x A5 pages of logs and news from this area. Subscription and other details from RT, c/o Postfach 10 37 71, D - 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany. From next Sunday (15th), A - UK will be co - operating with RT, and pooling logs. As a result, both A - UK and RT hope to have a more comprehensive log, plus (the main reason), RT will be published on Sundays for the time being..... **Pin Magazine**, Issue 28. A well presented 30 x A5 page magazine, covering pirate activity in Germany, Offshore, Shortwave and much more. Some photos, station logos and SW logs included, along with the famous 'Pin List' of shortwave stations, frequencies and addresses. The text is, however, all German. Subscription details from PIN, Postfach 220342, D - 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany. The 'Pin List' can be ordered from ourselves for 50p. The current list is dated July /August '87..... Finally this week, from West Germany, **D.P.M. Newsletter**, Issue 15. Into it's second year, although new to us, this 6 x A5 page magazine is the nearest yet seen to WR. It even includes 2 pages of newspaper cuttings, like ours! Shortwave, offshore, FM in Germany covered, along with other features. All in German, but a sample copy will only cost you 1 x IRC from Funkgemeinschaft, Postfach 1130, D - 4154 Tonisvorst 1, West Germany and may be worth checking out for the collector..

**TAPE OFFER.** Something a bit different for a change, as we travel to the Southern hemisphere and visit Melbourne, Australia. Recorded only last weekend, we offer as Tape 118, **3EON - FM** with Steve Chandler on Friday 30th October. An overnight show here, featuring some excellent classic light rock oldies (Floyd, Doors etc.) along with more up to date rock - ish material (Sting, Straits, etc.), all in super FM stereo. If this is your music, get this tape without delay, you won't regret it! Tape 119 features an AM station, still the most popular mode there, and on 1179kHz., we have **3KZ**, and an early evening show with Paul Higgins. "Hits and Memories" and "Solid Gold Classics" are featured. Note the ad. breaks on this tape, you could be anywhere in the U.K! For Tape 120, we make one of our regular visits to Ireland, and Dublin, where we find 'hottest property', Cassidy Jones on **Energy Power 103 FM**. This young up and coming D.J. seems set on becoming a star with this station. Hear him on 'drive - time' and note the quality of the FM signal! Music format is Top 40. The price is, as always, £2.00 per each C.90 cassette. All three highly recommended this week, unless of course, you are into disco music!

**RECORD REVIEW.** (Always something new in these columns!) On Lunar Records, the group Full Moon performs 'Nemesis' and 'The Eternal Now'. Moon Rock, the 'bumf' says and good heavy rock it is too. If 'Overdrive' was still going, they would be playing it. RFM in London ought to give it an airing! A total of 12 minutes of head banging music on a 7" '45', for just £1.50 from Lunar Base, 237 Central Road, Morden, Surrey, or at gigs. Rock radio stations will no doubt be given a sample copy to play, so drop them a line and tell them which station you are, if you haven't already got one. (Tell them you saw it mentioned in WR!).

**FOR SALE.** Aiwa FX A120 Auto sorting, stereo, double cassette deck. Double reversing cassette decks incorporating a five cassette auto sorting function. Ideal for an overnight radio station. Programmable dubbing or continuous play of five cassettes. Normal or high speed dubbing, Dolby 'B' and 'C'. New and boxed at the bargain, reduced price of £160 including post and packing, from (or write for further details)..... Dept. BR, P.O. Box 539, Blackpool.

**SWAPS.** D.C. Wall has good quality radio recordings to swap. Send your list, and he'll send his... 8 Trent Road, Bedford MK41 7EF.

**TAPE EXCHANGES WANTED.** I have a list of many offshore radio recordings (1960's to 1980's), also U.S. recordings (1950's to 1980's). Anyone interested in exchanging with me should send their lists to... Dave Hardy, 4 Ryton, Belgrave, Tamworth, Staffs. B77 2NL, England.

**WANTED.** Someone to exchange cassette recordings of Irish pirate radio stations, and associated promotional materials. Contact : Chris Ridley, 66 St. Brigid's Place, Sligo, Eire.

**WANTED.** Recent tapes of Caroline 558... send lists to Steve Ball, 2 Badger Grove, Meir Park, Stoke on Trent ST3 7RY.

**GENERAL.** D.J., 20 years old, seeks air time on pirate station, preferably in the Merseyside area. 60's, 70's and 80's music. References and demo tape available. Contact.... H. Thomson, 65 Herondale Avenue, Birkenhead, Merseyside L43 7UH.

**FOR SALE.** AM - FM Telecommunications Ltd., of 29 Durham Road, Sandymount, Dublin 4, suppliers and installers of Radio Broadcasting Equipment, have a new price list available. Send today for details if you are in the market for some new equipment.

**UP AND COMING EVENTS.** A Sixties and Seventies, Disco and Social Evening is planned for Saturday 5th December, by the Thanet branch of CM, at The Grosvenor Club, Grosvenor Place, Margate. The event starts at 19:30 and tickets cost £3.00, which includes food. There will be a licensed bar, a raffle and a free radio stall. Any contributions to the latter two will be greatly appreciated. Tickets and details from Jenny Knight, 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JG.

**GENERAL.** It has been pointed out that the FM frequencies around 105 to 106MHz. were allocated (rightly or wrongly), over a decade ago, to Private Mobile Radio, until 1995. The Gas Board, the Electric Board, the Water Authority and other services all operate in this area. This frequency is the mobile tx frequency, the base station being some 33MHz. higher in the band. Because nothing can be often be heard from the low power mobile unit, it does not mean it is clear. The DTI will go to great lengths to clear these frequencies. When gas leaks and high voltages are involved, the statement, 'threats to safety or life' becomes reality. Beware, there have been one or two near incidents!

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.** Following our mentions in the leading articles of the last two editions of Weekly Report, re the current legislation proposals, whilst it may seem attractive, conversations with one or two station personnel lead us to think that some believe they are about to be duped and ending up with nothing at all. Various newspapers continue to carry articles on the subject, some of which we have re-produced, others are to follow. Many seem to think that there are only about sixty stations currently operating in the Republic. A glance at our most recent list confirms that this figure exceeds 100, which does include, however, about a dozen weekend and short wave operators. The suggestion of allowing stations who have paid performing rights dues and the like, to apply for a licence is absolutely farcical. It is doubtful whether the Performing Rights Society have any pull over the Government when it comes to issuing licences, and should any spokesman for the PRS state

otherwise, then stations should be wary, as he may be speaking for himself and not for the Society or Government. It is almost universally agreed between the bigger stations, that if one station pays, all stations must pay. Whilst it must be agreed that some payment must be made to the PRS, let us hope that the situation does not arise, as in the U.K., where these organisations have a stranglehold over the amount of recorded music allowed to be played on the stations. Only 9 hours in any 24, in the case of London's Capital Radio, for example, and at an exorbitant cost.

After a quite lengthy spell of low pressure, and some pretty desperate weather to go with it, this week brought a huge anti - cyclone, which settled over the U.K. and gave us some good FM reception from Monday to Saturday inclusive. The usual Dublin and East coast pirates bombarded us with some excellent stereo signals. Notably good here, was **Energy Power 103**, which despite local ILR on the same channel, came through on quite modest receivers, without external antennae. A newish station on the scene, **WABC - 'Hot 107'** was pleasantly audible here in Blackpool (with antenna!), despite the great distance to Inishowen Head in Co. Donegal. They mentioned a station 'for a young Ireland' and must certainly have appealed to young people with their fast disco / Top 40 format and dozens of jingles (all old favourites chopped up, but nice, nevertheless, to hear again). Advertisers were urged to contact the station without delay, and we feel sure that they will be doing just this. It would be interesting to know how far the station is penetrating into Ireland, with a listenable (marketable) signal. Back in Dublin, 94.8MHz. yielded **Clondalkin Community Radio**, or **3CR**, as they call themselves for some reason, and 103.5MHz. yielded non - stop music from time to time, early week, but later in the week, idents. were heard for **CAU - FM**. Apparently, this stands for "Clutter - Free And You". A telephone number for requests was given out.... (01) 858579. This was the extent of the talking, and the station really remained 'Clutter - Free' with a reasonably FM stereo signal. From what we hear, there are not going to be any programmes as such, and their slogan tells us the format. This station is definitely using the former Phoenix Radio equipment. The telephone number read out in order to get your 'favourite' played is indeed the former Phoenix one of (01) 858579.



It has been confirmed by a number of reports, that Cara 95 FM is finished and it's 'boss', Lawrence John, gone, in fact he has been reported as being seen in Belfast. The station has simply continued without him, and returned to its former identification of **Heartbeat FM**. What has actually happened here, we are still unclear, but certainly it was sudden, as adverts were still appearing in the papers.

At Q - 102 (819kHz. / 101.9 and 102.3MHz.) the line - up remains steady, although Dave Kelly will be sitting in for Mike Hogan for a while in the morning 'Eye in the Sky' link - ups with Scott Williams. Mike is finally having a well earned holiday at home with his feet up, rather than the 'business trips', which is why he is usually missing. Anyone who has visited the station whilst Mike has been in full fling, will certainly not begrudge him a few days away from it all. Whilst Q 102 were busy giving away their daily £500 (we heard another lucky winner at 08:35 on Friday), **Sunshine 101** were threatening to give away £20,000 with their 'cash calls', and **Energy 103** advertising for presenters, a powerful transmitter suddenly sprung to life on 100.0MHz.FM. Although only a test tone has been noted, usually well - informed sources tell us that it could be big! The Radio West Anorak Show even mentioned the name of Chris Cary as being involved! The location of the transmitter is said to be Three Rock Mountain, just outside Dublin city.

**Signal FM**, the weekend station, has moved frequency to 94.1MHz., to avoid hassle from RTE. Plans for a medium wave outlet on 1242kHz. are going ahead, we understand, in about two weeks time. Vacancies exist for two D.J.'s on the station. Demo tapes may be sent to Signal, Mount Venus Road, Dublin 16. Also, the station has some high quality stereo encoders for sale, at £45 each.

Finally, it has been confirmed that two separate stations occupy the 94.8MHz. slot. **3CR** from Clondalkin and **Dundrum Community Radio**. Both seem to cover the desired area without any interference from the other, as the two areas are quite widely spaced apart.

**Co. KILDARE.** Our reporter in this county tells us that **Zee 100** is on the airwaves and getting out extremely well, all over Kildare, on 99.8MHz.FM, with the link transmitter on 96.0MHz. Test transmissions were noted on Monday and Tuesday (13th and 14th October), and full programmes on Wednesday, with station owner, Nigel Gordon, starting the ball rolling at 08:00. Current weekday line - up reads.... 08:00 Nigel Gordon, 11:00 Gary Noone, 14:00 Paul Stafford, 17:00 Jeff Richards (except Monday, Jason Ross), 00:00 "The All - Nighter". Weekenders include Andrew O'Gorman, Ger Loughlin, Chris Shaw and Louise McDermott. News each day, is borrowed from Q 102. Other features include job spots each morning and community information

## KILDARE LISTENERS

The Choice Furnishing/K.L.B. World Record Attempt will start at 10 am Wed. 28th October.

Tony Lumsden will attempt the longest continuous broadcast by a single D.J. on the airwaves.

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Kildare Local Broadcasting

A bit late, but congratulations to Tony Lumsden, who beat his previous record of continuous deejaying, by carrying on for in excess of 100 hours. He was interviewed live on last week's Radio West free radio show, whilst still performing on K.L.B. in Newbridge.

**Co. LOUTH.** Conspicuous by its absence today, was Radio Rainbow International, the far reaching SW station, also on 1521kHz. and FM. Missing, as a result, was Kieran Murray's free radio show. No reason is known at this stage. Zee 103 are about to celebrate their first birthday and are holding a party at the reflections night club in Lurgan, on 11th November. The station continues to put out a good signal on 103.25MHz. Reception of the 103.5MHz.

transmitter in Navan, which links the 'Country Call' programme of Radio Carousel from KLAS in Dublin, suffered greatly in the week, due to the new CAU - FM, on 103.5MHz. **Co. CAVAN.** Breffni Regional Radio, earlier in the year, purchased a 5 kw transmitter from the U.S.A. However, this unit has now been sold to someone about to start transmissions from the border area, and the planned MW service for 666kHz. has been scrapped. The station continues as normal, on 1170kHz., and also on FM, 95.6MHz. The move down from 95.8MHz. was to avoid interference to Capitol / Nitesky in Dublin, now that the FM power has been boosted.

**Co. SLIGO.** Chris in Sligo Town tells us that **Westside Community Radio** (98.6MHz), are still plodding away, with a 09:00 - 19:00 daily schedule. They now have masses of adverts. **Sligo Community Radio** (98.2 - stereo) are still conducting test transmissions, and Chris wonders if they will ever start proper programming. The new Downtown Radio (ILR for Belfast) relay on 96.6MHz., (for Enniskillen / Omagh) seems to be getting everywhere, and can be heard even in Sligo, although it is not quite strong enough to give a good stereo signal. **KTOK** in Donegal Town can also be heard in Sligo, again just in mono, on 96MHz.

**Co. MAYO.** Word from **Independent Radio Mayo** tells us that the station has now had an engineer in to sort out the hum problem on 738kHz. This 1kW professional transmitter was the one formerly used at Radio Leinster in Dublin, and a few people tell us, that there was indeed a hum in 1983, when it was on the air in Dublin. This however was a simple oscillator problem, and we understand it has now been sorted out, presumably with a new crystal, or a trimmer. Independent Radio Mayo can now be heard well in the evening for a much larger radius. **I.R.M.** also have several transmitters operating on FM to cover the rural areas of Connaught. These are 95.7MHz., 99.8MHz., and 104MHz. A telephone caller earlier in the week, informed us that I.R.M. had been heard on yet another channel, 106.0MHz, during FM 'lift' conditions. The station certainly seem to have plenty of adverts, and according to Sean, on Radio West a couple of weeks ago, one of the ad breaks was even longer than those on Erneside Radio (1251kHz), who have been noted in the past for very long strings of commercials. For those DX - ers interested in writing to Irish stations for verifications and other information, one of our subscribers informs us that he received a very nice letter and promotional material from I.R.M. in only a few days. Their address is Independent Radio Mayo, Moneen, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.


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**LAND - BASED STATIONS.....FRANCE.** Two letters received recently from readers, mentioned a station broadcasting from the coast of Normandy, to the Channel Islands. The station called **Radio Force 7** is attempting to obtain both listeners and advertisers in the islands, following interest shown by the Islanders. Channel TV had a five minute spot about this station a couple of weeks ago. They mentioned that they were going to extend their English programmes, specifically for the Channel Islands, and had a 50 mile radius in stereo. Also mentioned was the fact that BBC Radio Jersey had told their freelance employees that they would not obtain future work with Radio Jersey, if they did any work for Force 7. Interestingly, one of our subscribers passed Channel TV whilst on a visit to Jersey, and saw a large poster advertising Force 7 in their window! He also saw a few stickers around showing "Channel Force 7 - Commercial Radio for the Channel Islands on 99.3MHz." Ray, who lives in Guernsey, tells us that the stereo signal on 99.2MHz is good in Jersey. However, in Guernsey, a rooftop aerial is needed in order to receive a good signal.



**LAND - BASED STATIONS. LONDON.** FM conditions have been so good this week, we even picked up TKO on 102.4MHz. (along with Capital Radio, Radio London and the new Radio 1 FM!), here in Blackpool, on Thursday evening.

Sid tells us he's got a new word processor, but until he gets the hang of it, we shall re-produce his excellent words.....

**LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY (30th Oct./2nd Nov.).....**  
 "This weekend, touched down on 24 stations, of which 10 were in stereo. Missing / Not Heard... CDR, GCR, R - FM, Chicago 87, Trax - FM.....New / Re activated... Starpoint (94.2 - Sunday), LGR (95.5 - 7/24 ?).

This Saturday saw London set out on a weekend of witches and wizards. On every street corner, ghosts and ghoulies were 'trick or treating' gullible passers - by. At the same time in the necessarily mysterious underground world of privateer radio, a few un-explained occurrences were taking place. A whole series of comings and goings may have been connected with those grey wisps of the night, the hooded Doti People. But try as they may, the Doti People will never win the ultimate battle as the forces of the Privateer Legions continue to grow, becoming increasingly more efficient at voiding the actions of those who seek to thwart them.

On Friday night, just after 20:00, in the midst of veteran reggae jock, Fuzzy Dee's LWR (92.05 st.) show, the station just dropped out for no apparent reason. Later that same evening, both RTR (91.65 st.) and KISS FM (93.95 st.) made sudden and un-explained exits, only to re-appear sometime the following day. Also in South London, Fresh - FM (103.35 st.) were having difficulties as their transmitter began to distort and they left the air to effect repairs, sometime on Saturday. In the North, things were not much better. Friday night and Girls - FM (96.95) went missing. They were followed by mega-leaders Time - FM (103.8 st.), on Saturday. Girls - FM have not been heard since but Time were back the next morning. It is believed that they had trouble at a remote broadcast they were planning to transmit, of a joint Time / Girls Hallowe'en Party.

Time Radio continue to pile up street cred. and profits. The profits, however, are being ploughed back into the business to pull them even further ahead of the competition. Latest addition to the fold appears to be the introduction of an in-house creative production department, which has set about re-vamping and enhancing the overall sound of the station. The first results have started to filter through over the last week or two, with

the first airings of a new set of station ID's, voice - overs and some very professional jingles. All have been engineered with the hi-fi stereo listener in mind, with plenty of high frequency 'zing' and sound movement. Commercials are the next in line and they are already taking on an additional auditory punch, and more are expected soon.

LWR (92.05 st.) had their Football All - Stars on the pitch again this week, playing a charity match, with the losers to pay £100 to a local charity. As reported by 'Fuzzy Dee', on Sunday, LWR continued on their non-stop winning streak, by beating the competition 3 - 0.

Raiders - FM (97.85) continue to break out of their top 40 mould and were actually heard to be playing some 'soul' this week. 50's Rock n'roller, Tom Ingram, was missing from his regular Saturday evening spot, and was replaced by back-to-back tapes.

Starpoint and K - JAZZ have entered a time-share arrangement, using Starpoint's rig on 94.2MHz., as K JAZZ's own is out of commission. Starpoint were on the air early Sunday morning until K - JAZZ took over at 10:00. Unexpectedly, R - FM (94.3) didn't make their normal early start and, in fact, 'The Magnificent Seven' were missed all day.

Wood Green's London Greek Radio (LGR) has finally surfaced in the long un-used 95.5 slot. Their record as 'London's Most Busted Station' looks set to continue, as the frequency that they have now settled on, belongs to BBC Radio Bedfordshire. It's nice to see them back, and this completes the return of the three Greek stations, but how long can it be before LGR start losing transmitters again?

Wandering in and out of the hi-fi stores in London's electronic centre of Tottenham Court Road, the other day, it was interesting to hear the number of demonstration rigs which were tuned to one or other of the main soul Privateer stations. The extended mixes with their heavy base lines and singing cymbals, and also with the minimum of chat, must help sell quite a bit of equipment".

Our thanks, as always to Sid. We also wish him the best of luck with his new computer.

Before we carry on with the stations heard over this weekend, we have re-printed below an article which appeared in the London Evening Standard on Wednesday 28th October. This follows up an item on K - Jazz in Sid's report in 'WR' 183.

# Scuppered by the soul mates

**L**ONDON'S first yuppie jazz pirate radio station, K-Jazz 94.3 has not got off to a good start. Far from being busted by the Department of Trade and Industry, the pirates' usual nightmare, K-Jazz's first broadcasts last Sunday were sabotaged by a rival pirate outfit.

Just 10 minutes after the station opened at 7 am their transmitter and aerial were swiped. "We'd only played two tunes before our transmission site in Crystal Palace was invaded," says K-Jazz's Stuart Lyon. "I'm not going to say who did it, except that it was a well-known soul station."

"After we went off the air one of our engineers rushed round to the site and found a guy shinning down the roof. When approached, he seriously threatened our engineer's health."

"It's appalling that another pirate station can behave like this. We believe in freedom of the airwaves, and we don't see ourselves in competition with anyone else because we're playing for a different, more upmarket audience."

"This kind of Mafioso activity is disappointing, negative and gives credence to the authorities' view that pirate stations are run by irresponsible hooligans."

Due to the unusual FM conditions, bringing in many continentals, this weekend's report of activity is a bit sketchy and those not listed may not necessarily be missing, as one had almost to be on top of the transmitter, otherwise you got a 'foreigner'. Reported were.... **RJR** on 90.0, **RTR** on 90.4, **Faze 1** on 90.8, **LWR** on 92.1, **Solar 93** on 93.05, **Kiss FM** on 93.95, **RFM** on 94.3, **Chicago 87** on 94.5, **Raiders FM** on 97.8, **TKO** on 102.4, **Melody FM** on 102.7, **Fresh FM** on 103.3, **Time FM** on 103.8, **JBC** on 104.35, **Hits FM** on 105.5. and an unidentified Indian station on 103.8MHz. On Saturday, a station playing heavy reggae, was noted on 93.1MHz.

**MERSEYSIDE.** The Radio Merseywaves court case took place on Thursday last (5th Nov.) and we understand that 13 personnel made an appearance. The majority were fined £75 plus £50 costs, on a variety of charges. The total was around £1200. Billy (Security) is understood to have been fined £150 and Dave Benitez possibly higher, although at this stage, we are unsure. We understand that one of the girls (Paula) pleaded 'not guilty' and is due to appear again in the New Year (8th January). It is interesting to note that in the same court, some weeks ago, Dave Collins had £231 costs awarded against him. This could be possibly due to the fact that costs in this case were spread amongst the thirteen or so fined.

Activity from this area has been very thin this week. On Monday, the only station to be heard here, was **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. As far as we know, nothing else was heard until Friday, when the station was noted again. On Saturday (7th), however, the medium wave band came alive during the morning with all three regular stations, **Radio Atlantis** on 1197kHz., **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. and **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz. We were not expecting RMW to appear, following the case, but they did and were announcing that from next weekend, they would be back to a four day schedule. The present two schedule has been due to a shortage of helpers, caused by the impending court case. On Saturday afternoon, Mark Wright was playing Booker 'T' and the M.G.'s "Green Onions" on the hour, mentioning that the staff had approached station owner, Burt Williams, about changing the station 'on hour' theme from the present "Alpha" by Vangelis. This, they thought, was a little slow for the current disco format of the station. Also announced during Mark's show was a link - up between the station and North Coast Radio. This duly took place at around 17:45 and the week's court case was discussed.

Today, the above three stations all duly appeared, although nothing else was heard. In fact, for the first time in ages, we received no stations on FM from the area. Having said that, smaller more local stations may well have appeared, which we may have missed due to the poor FM conditions descending upon us suddenly. Burt Williams appeared yet again on Sunday afternoon, and had plenty to say about the week's legal activity.

**YORKSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE and NORTH HUMBERSIDE.**

**Radio Tachoradi** was reported active, on 105.0MHz., last weekend, on Saturday with 'K.D.' from 17:30 till 18:30. A new D.J. was then heard, his name being Jack Master Lee and he handled the hip hop side of things until 19:15 when the station closed down. This weekend, a new show is promised, on Sunday evening, called 'Golden Soul' featuring soul hits of the past. The show is planned to be aired from 20:00 until 21:30, extending to 22:00 at a later date. Our station address printed last week, was slightly incorrect, it should have read... 'Rare Groove Promotions, c/o 57 Albany Street, Spring Bank, Hull.

There has been no activity from West Yorkshire, except for an appearance of **Soundwaves 105** from Bradford, on 105.2MHz., last Sunday. A different selection of music to normal, was noted, along with a programme hosted by Stephen of the late Radio Veronica. He sent out best wishes to former listeners.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Confusion has arisen over what happened to **PCRL** and **Enterprise** in the early part of the week. One report indicated that both stations were raided within three hours of each other, last Monday. The other report states that following newspaper articles about inter - station rivalry, **PCRL** went off the air on Sunday night, at around 20:45. After a few minutes, the station was back, with a much reduced signal. The D.J. on at the time 'Chicken George' described the silence as 'sabotage'. **Enterprise** were also noted off the air from late Sunday night, until Monday lunchtime. The Asian station, **A.C.R.**, has only been heard intermittantly during the week, on 105.6MHz.

Programmes on both **PCRL** and **Enterprise** seem to be diversifying from the usual reggae style of music format. **PCRL** have been heard with Asian music on Sunday evenings, from 19:00. A documentary was also heard last Sunday, about Rastafarians. Appeals for The Children In Need Campaign have also been heard on the station. **Enterprise** seem to have discussion programmes, and their music format even extended to Country and Western, during the week! Across in Shropshire, **Sunshine Radio** made a brief appearance this morning, on 1017kHz., playing Anorak records and jingles. The station had left the air by lunchtime.

**RENFREWSHIRE.** **Neon Radio** was on the air on Thursday evening, from 20:30 till 22:30, and again, yesterday afternoon, from 14:30 till 16:00. Both transmissions were hosted by Bill Barr and Dave C.L. Young. They were also expected on this afternoon, between 14:00 and 17:00, with an 'Anorak' show planned for 16:00. Saturday's programme were sponsored by Tandoori Restaurant and a local taxi firm. Frequency for all transmissions was 103.9MHz., which is said to be reaching a good part of West Central Scotland. **Radio Mercury** returned to the air for the first time for a while, on Wednesday and Friday evenings, between 18:00 and 21:00. Their audio quality was said to be slightly improved, and the format is remains, disco / dance / hit pop. The latter station is for the Glasgow area.

**MANCHESTER.** **Independent Community Radio** introduced a stereo transmitter on 29th October and programmed throughout that day with their usual mixture of reggae and soul music. By Sunday 1st November, the audio on ICR began to distort at times, throughout that day, with the audio hitting as high as +5db. Transmissions had returned to mono on Monday morning, until their usual sign off at 07:30. Several unmodulated carriers on 102.4, 105.0 and 105.9MHz., have also been heard in this area, by our reporter, who goes on to say that Sunshine FM have not been heard now for some six or more weeks. **WKLR** were off the air on Saturday 31st October, but returned with a test transmission the following night, on 97.0MHz.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS.....GENERAL.** It seems like only yesterday, but it was two years ago last Friday, since the m.v. Communicator (formerly Gardline Seeker) gave up the fight and sailed into Harwich, accompanied by her sister ship, The Gardline Tracker, on hire to the DTI. The ship sailed in under her own steam, and was not towed in, despite what the majority of newspapers would have us believe! Perhaps the towing in story was a 'face saving' exercise by the authorities, who had spent so much money trying to silence the station. It was also two years ago, yesterday, since Radio Caroline commenced broadcasting on 558kHz.

**CAROLINE.** Good reception on FM is all the talk this week, but on 558kHz.MW, the reception here in Blackpool, can only be described as grim. It is often 09:00 before the foreigner has vanished, and by 16:00, he's back, making reception, near enough impossible. Colleagues in the South East are able to furnish us with details of the full line up, which appears to be..... 05:00 Peter Philips, 09:00 Keith Francis, 13:00 Nigel Harris, 17:00 Tim Allen, 21:00 Steve Conway, 23:00 Mike Watts, 01:00 Pat Brooks.

The generators still seem to be causing a few problems with the new 24 hour schedule, and the station had a break during the early hours of Wednesday morning. Peter Philips signed back on at 07:05 with the 'Caroline' theme. He mentioned that they were having generator problems, but we are not sure how long they had been off air.

A note in from Simon West, clears up the mystery surrounding his early departure last week. He tells us that due to personal commitments on land, he was only on the ship for 4 days.

Another promotion, this time for a Caroline Rockshow Special, was aired in the week. Dr. Feelgood was again, the main attraction at the South Pier in Lowesetoft, last Friday.

**THE VOICE OF PEACE.** We appear to have two new female reporters in Israel, in addition to the lads on board, who are sometimes too busy to write. They are Vered and Gali Kravitzki and we say 'welcome to the team'. Their first three despatches, which came in reverse order, tell us the following..... In the middle of October, the state radio station, Kol Israel (The Voice of Israel), suffered a strike, resulting in no news bulletins (in Hebrew). Abie Nathan announced on Saturday 10th October, that every seven hours, the VOP would have its own world news in English. These duly appeared and were read by Tim Shepherd, Paul

Frazer and Neil Armstrong and apparently still continue to be heard at 12:00 and 19:00 daily, at the time of the last report (28th October), and read by Steve Richards and John McDonald. Sport programmes seem to have taken off and can be heard most weekends. The line up changes very often, but the most recent, reads.... 00:00 Chris ? ( a new D.J. who has yet to announce his surname), 03:00 Paul Fraser, 06:00 John McDonald, 09:00 Mike Darby, 13:00 Paul Fraser, 16:00 Steve Richards, 18:00 John McDonald, 19:30 Steve Richards. The station is seeking a cook and a deckhand, as the popular Rahda is leaving to return to India to marry. We understand that this crew member also undertook some cooking duties, along with the Irish cook on board, and seemed very popular with other members of the presenting staff. The long serving captain of the 'Peace', a native of Holland, is about to retire and return to his home country. He hopes to leave on 15th December. His place has already been filled, station owner, Abie Nathan, reports. On the subject of leaving, Pete Anderson left the station on 1st October, after a spell of only six weeks and Dave Asher is rumoured to be making a guest appearance on board, soon. An Israeli member of the office staff was heard doing programmes during the early part of the month. His name was Izvite Livnat. Scot John McDonald was heard giving Scottish lessons, and was reported as being kitted out in a kilt (Scottish traditional dress, for the benefit of foreign readers), during a camera crew's visit to the ship recently. Finally, despite numerous transmitters cut - outs, only lasting minutes, no major breakdowns have been reported of late. Our thanks for this latest up date from the Eastern Med. A reader, on holiday on the island of Rhodes, tells us that the VOP can be heard clearly at night, and weakly by day (he should have taken his loop aerial!). The annoying heterodyne whistle on 1539kHz. noted early October disappeared by mid month, the off channel operator was not determined however. Stacks of adverts were noted, possibly due to the strike problems elsewhere, and restored the reliability of the station once again.

**m.v. COMMUNICATOR.** Not much news here, in fact none! The aerial towers are still on the deck of the ship, as shown in 'The Communicator Collection' (set of 6 colour photos, priced at £3.00), although they have now been completely welded and are ready to be raised. Other publications seem quite optimistic in that the station will be on the air very soon, and indeed should the calm weather hold, then there is every opportunity for the remaining work to be done, and have the station on before Christmas. However as we all know in the world of offshore radio, no - one can predict anything, and we all work on a day to day basis. We should like to share in the view that at least one of the services will be on the air soon, and sincerely hope, for once, that our pessimism about the re - launch of the station was unfounded. A second service seems a little unlikely to begin with, as a few parts are still required for both the transmitter, and the diplexer.

#### **SHORT WAVE STATIONS....Log for Sunday 8th November.**

6204kHz...RADIO 49, at 10:42gmt.  
 6210kHz...ABC RADIO (via Riverside), at 10:27gmt.  
 6226kHz...UNID., at 11:00gmt.  
 6275kHz...RADIO WAVES, at 09:45gmt.  
 6275kHz...P.F.B.S., at 11:45gmt.  
 6275kHz...UNID., at 12:04gmt.  
 6275kHz...RADIO INDIGO, at 13:05gmt.  
 6275kHz...KIWI RADIO, at 13:10gmt.  
 6280kHz...4IFR (via WESTSIDE), at 09:30gmt.  
 6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO, at 10:30gmt.  
 6285kHz...RADIO KIWI (via Apollo), at 10:11gmt.  
 6285kHz...RADIO APOLLO, at 10:13gmt.  
 6285kHz...RADIO UNID INT.[!] (via Apollo), at 12:39gmt.  
 6285kHz...W.M.R., at 13:10gmt.  
 6290kHz...RADIO LIMIT (via Orion), at 09:20gmt.  
 6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:40gmt.  
 6300kHz...RADIO RIDICULOUS, at 08:50gmt.  
 6300kHz...W.F.R.L., at 10:37gmt.  
 6310kHz...UNID., at 12:25gmt.  
 6318kHz...RADIO MARABU (via Stella), at 10:07gmt.  
 6318kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 12:45gmt.  
 6578kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 10:00gmt.  
 6725kHz...E.M.R., at 10:52gmt.  
 6406.3kHz.RADIO ORION, at 10:40gmt.  
 7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:30gmt.  
 7423kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 10:46gmt.

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Conditions this morning were quite good, with some excellent signals, but also one or two mysteries. Logs in BOLD belong to us, here in Blackpool, others kindly rung in on (0253) 882017 from the Midlands, Devon and Hampshire.

The biggest mystery today concerns 6275kHz., where we heard two stations broadcasting at the same time (12:00 gmt.), together with a heterodyne whistle. It would appear that Radio Waves and relays were responsible for one, PFBS and relays for the other, but we will, of course, stand corrected. We are not convinced all the relays were identified, as we heard one, with a South East England voice, mentioning his station which sounded to us like Vera or Fiona or something similar. He was heard also giving out a medium wave frequency of 1584kHz.

WFRL was suffering from very low modulation, despite a good strong signal.

The UNID. on 6310kHz., playing non - stop '60's music, was Radio East Coast Commercial, although no ID's were actually heard. He was testing the band to see how late the signals held up.

The Radio Orion transmission, heard on 6406.3kHz., was running in parallel to 6290kHz. It is not known how this frequency came about, although no announcements were made suggesting it was a separate transmitter.

European Music Radio was conducting another test transmission on 6725kHz. The presenter was certainly not the same voice from years ago, Barry Stephens. However, the promo voice was that of Roger Tate, who used to host the 'Mailbag Show'. In fact, the promotions were made over the exact same backing as previously, but had been re - recorded with the new station address of... EMR, BCM Box 65, London WC1. Thanks were mentioned over the air, to those who had already sent in reception reports, and these letters will be read out on the first official programme to be aired on 20th December. 'Every third Sunday' broadcasts are to follow, although not necessarily on this frequency.

There were no amendments to last week's log from Podney, in fact, we had no 'UNID's', conditions were that good! There was just one addition to an address we printed.... Cruisin' Solid Gold Radio, 100 Watson Crescent, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland AB4 6WS. Peter Scherwat from Ornskoldsvik, 600 km North of Stockholm tells us that he received RIGHT WING RADIO from Finland ('like a local station'), on 6225kHz., at 08:57gmt., though with low modulation. None of our loggers managed this one. Peter also received with a reasonable signal, and identified, PFBS and Superclan Radio.

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#### **PRESS RELEASE.**

From October onwards, Radio Marabu International (P.O. Box 220 342, D 5600 Wuppertal 22, West Germany) will resume its regular transmissions on shortwave. We will be on the air every 2nd Sunday between 10:00 and 12:00 UTC, on 6318kHz. On the 8th November, the official re opening will take place, with shows presented by Mark Graison and our guest D.J., Marc Jones. For the first time, we shall present the Marabu Indie Charts. New info material will be available from November onwards.

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Steve Most writes and tells us that Radio 49 is now transmitting on the 44m band = 6815kHz., in order to try and get away from QRM from Superclan on 6204kHz. They hope to use 6204kHz. from time to time, but check 6815kHz. between 10:15 and 13:00 GMT., Sundays.

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Our thanks, as always, to everyone who contributed to this extra large issue.

# **The WEEKLY**

## **REPORT**

### **ANORAKS**

#### **The First with the News in Print**

No. 185.....15th November 1987.

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Welcome to our second six page WR, we now seem to be a six pager, thanks to overwhelming support for our idea of an extra loose sheet, subsidised by a paying advert within the sheet. At least we can make the thing look something like, by including logos, flyers and press releases, to break up the text. Further prospective advertisers on this sheet, may like to glance below at the current rates for advertising in this way. Many thanks for all the other letters, many of them suggesting drop this section, drop that section, etc. Of course, as even the writers will agree, these did reflect personal choice. We wish to continue to report on all modes of un - licensed broadcasting, but only reporting and not specialising, or printing in depth articles or stories, which are covered in other magazines.

We are having reports of late arriving mail in some areas. All reports are posted on Sunday evening, and normally arrive postmarked 'Blackpool - 12:30am Monday'. There is very little we can do, simply grin and bear it. It is only a wasted telephone call just to tell us WR has not yet arrived. It will (hopefully!). The post office do keep telling us, however, that mail, not properly addressed (no post codes) may be delayed. If we have not already got your code, find out what it is and let us know.

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**CHRISTMAS 1987.** Whilst we continue as usual, others are faced with problems which inevitably mean delays. We are talking about the post office, of course, so, order any goods intended for Christmas presents, as early as possible. It will help everyone and avoid any disappointment at the festive time. If you have a friend, or someone you know, who you think would like a copy of our latest sales list and a sample copy of WR, then drop us a line with their name and address and we will see they get a package by return post.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** **Wavelength**, Issue 18 is now in stock. 20 x A5 pages in the latest at hand. General pirate radio news of interest. The cost is 75p.

**NEW ARRIVALS.** **Short Wave Newsletter**, Issue 28 arrived first this week, and as usual, contained 6 x A4 sides of news, schedules and reports, including coverage of the pirates. Details from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... **Now Radio Reports**, Issue 004. Published fortnightly, this A4 style magazine fills the gap between Now Radio. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW..... **Freewave Magazine**, Issue 153. 28 x A5 page format, plenty of pics in this issue, general pirate news, but all in the Dutch language... Further details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102, 9700 AC Groningen, Holland..... **Radio Von Unten**, Issue, October 1987. 28 x A5 pages in this one also, again, well presented and all about underground radio, but does include offshore also. All in the German language. Further details here, from... Kurzwellen Pressedienst, Weender Strasse 30, D - 3400 Gottingen 1, West Germany..... finally this week, **Play - DX**, Issue 481 has four x A4 sides with the latest long distance logs and reports. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.

**TAPE OFFERS.** As promised, another Australian tape, along with one from Florida and one from the West coast of America. Tape 121 features 3XY from Melbourne. An AM station (1422kHz.) with a "Hot Hits" format, D.J., John Hood does his thing on this lunchtime spot on 25th September. Tape 122 features **WBJW** from Orlando in Florida. An FM station this time, and despite being late Sunday evening / early Monday morning (24/25th October), this station sounds very bright and bouncy, again, with its 'Hits' format and excellent quality audio. Larry Jackson is the host for the first part, followed by Alan Spector and friends later with yet another 'breakfast bash'. Tape 123 is a split one.... Side 'A' features Rick Dees, well known for his syndicated shows heard all over the world, only this time, he is at home on **KIIS - FM, 102.7** in Los Angeles, doing his morning show. The recording is very early in the day and Dees has less to say than he would have at, say, a couple of hours later,

however plenty of excellent promotions can be heard. Superb quality FM stereo. Side 'B' features Jo Jo Kincaid on the fast moving, 'all new', Q 106 (KKLQ), from San Diego.

**MEETING.** The next meeting of the World DX Club will be held at St. Mary's Centre, Chain St., Reading on 12th December at 14:30. For further details, ring 021 - 784 7507.

**RADIO STATION NEWS....IRELAND.** Last week, we were ecstatic about the superb FM conditions, this week, the reverse, as some days hardly anything was able to get through. Harri Kujali writes from Turku in Finland, and he too was excited on 21st October, from 10:30 to 10:45gmt, when he logged several Irish stations on FM. He received and identified Radio West (Galway relay) on 100.1MHz., Boyneside Radio North on 101.25MHz., Sunshine on 101.5MHz. and two unidentifieds on 102.3MHz. and 103.0MHz. The last two, of course, would be Q 102 and Energy 103 respectively. Harri rang Radio West and spoke to Willie Hart, who was apparently very surprised. Well done, Harri. He asks us to point out that he was using a Grundig Satellit 600 with an 8 element Yagi and +30db amplifier. Of course, Harri won't be able to hear much on medium wave in Turku, as Radio Finland transmit from there with 600 kw, as we all know, on 963kHz. He can probably receive the latter on the kettle, the iron and most domestic appliances! It must be nearly as bad as living in Luxembourg with their 'one million, two hundred thousand watts!'

**DUBLIN.** NOVA's back! is this week's headline in this section. The station surfaced at midnight on Monday night, following several days of test tones and eventual non stop music on 100.0MHz. Rumours spread around Dublin that something big was imminent, and certain names were mentioned, notably Chris Cary and Brian McKenzie. Actually at midnight, a Nova jingle was heard and further 'old favourite' jingles were heard from then on. No official announcements have been heard. If the station has the same impact on the radio industry in Ireland, that it had in 1981 and subsequent years, then Ireland is in for a treat. We hear that all the music is on compact disc, and for the time being anyway, it is all automated. This could possibly be one way of getting

around the picketing which plagued Radio Nova back in 1985 and 1986, and which made many of the former staff leave. A compact disc 'carousel' is already on the market, which we understand enables 1000 selections to be programmed. Whether this is the sort of equipment installed in the 'new' Nova is not certain. One thing that is certain, and that is, Nova is coming from studios 'next door' to the present **Energy 103** studios and getting out extremely well, with reports reaching us from well into Northern Ireland and as far South as just North of Birmingham, and of course, here in Blackpool, despite that part of the band being full of 'police'. Plenty of excitement and speculation was noted on this morning's **Radio West** free radio show, regarding the whole operation. Whilst it is nice to see Nova return, it has caused severe problems for **North Dublin Community Radio**, who operate on this frequency and have done for a number of years. Apparently D.J.'s have been heard on NDCR asking people who were experiencing interference on FM, to re - tune to the station's 1008kHz.AM outlet.

**CAU - FM**, on 103.5MHz., has a very good signal in most areas of the city, we are told. A few ads. and promos. have been aired and the station continues with its 'clutter - free' format, 24 hours a day. **Heartbeat FM** is back playing love songs, on 95.5MHz. Current line - up reads.... 07:00 Chris Martin, 11:00 John Keogh, 15:00 Maurice Nevin, 19:00 Sean Ferguson, 23:00 (till 02:00) Tony O'Hara. **KLAS 98** reports all well, with plenty of advertising coming their way. Weekend schedule reads.... Saturdays: 08:00 David Baker, 11:00 John May with 'Matters of the Heart' (a chat programme with interviews, etc.), 12:00 Eamonn Falvey, 14:00 'Elvery's Sports' with Dan O'Sullivan, 18:00 (till 21:00) David Bradshaw.... Sundays: 08:00 Dan O'Sullivan, 12:00 Keith Shanley, 15:00 Bryan Lambert with 'Gold', 18:00 (till 21:00) Francis Hogan.

On Friday morning, ICBS were noted missing from 98.1kHz. As a result of the channel being without this powerful signal, the Monaghan station, **Hometown Radio** was audible at this location.

Further bad news regarding AM reception of **Q 102**, as the offshore pirate and Radio Caroline's companion, Radio Monique, takes up her new spot on the dial from today, on 819kHz. Reception of either is still possible with a loop (we have plenty in stock! - see current price list), but Q's listenership on the U.K. side will no doubt suffer as a result of this powerful operator, who will boost power further as the transmitter settles itself on the new channel.

Finally from this city, **Radio Dublin** are celebrating their 21st birthday, by holding a party at the National Ballroom in Parnell Square, on Thursday 3rd December.

**Co. MEATH.** Radio Carousel Navan, formerly operating from the Navan Shopping Centre, and recently moved premises, has not been heard on their normal medium wave outlet of 1386kHz., for the past week. An un - identified Irish station has been heard on this frequency here in Blackpool, but it is thought to have been North Cork Local Radio, and not Radio Carousel. If Radio Carousel were still on 1386kHz., at that time, then they must have been using very low power indeed. On Saturday, the Carousel signal returned to its normal power and was pleasantly audible once more. On the FM side, a slight alteration from 103.5 to 103.35MHz. has been noted, presumably due to problems with the new station **CAU - FM** in Dublin on 103.5MHz.

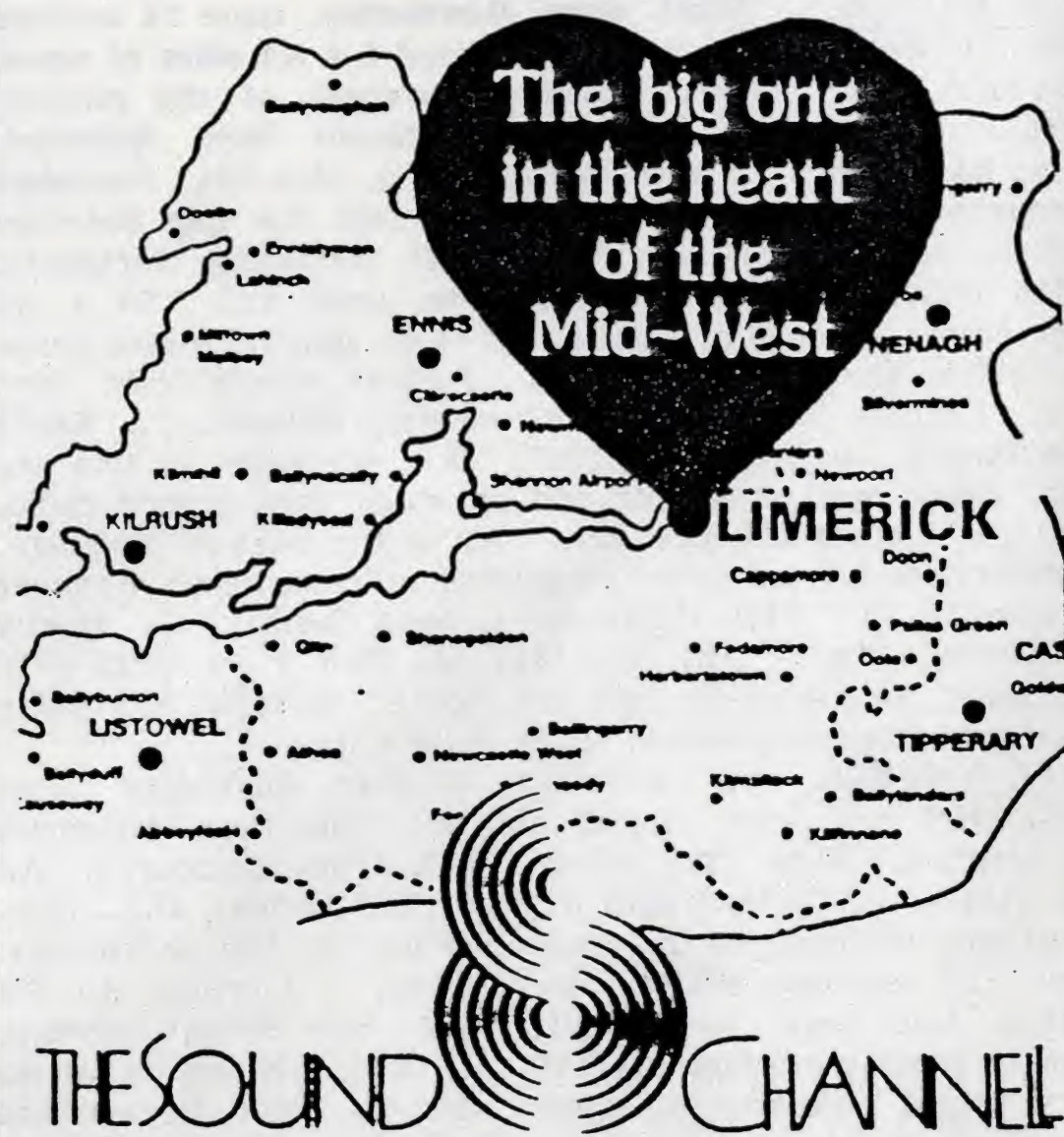
**Co. LOUTH.** **Boyneside Radio** moved their large FM rig from 100.1MHz., to 100.3MHz., in the week, as a result of the very powerful Radio Nova signal on 100.0MHz. Hedy Eddie was heard on the Radio West programme mentioning this and also telling the listeners that further problems were being noted in the border area, with mixing, due to the close proximity of **Rainbow Radio**, **Boyneside Radio** and the new **Radio Carousel** transmitter on 99.0MHz. Boyneside were having difficulty linking in, due to these problems.

**Co. MONAGHAN.** Of all the expected new stations due on in Monaghan, only one appears to have evolved at this stage. Calling itself '**Northern Star**', this station operates on 999kHz, although nothing more is known at this stage. Also in this area, a strong carrier has been heard on 104.5MHz., possibly from one of the other expected stations. Plans seem to be well advanced however, for the new, as yet, un - named station which intends to beam 'Top 40' into Belfast, from Monaghan. The AM transmitter is awaiting parts, but the FM could be switched on with reduced power, at any time. Studios and offices are understood to be almost completed.

**Co. GALWAY.** Little news from the West coast, except that **Radio West** tell us that they once again, have their AM transmitter active in the city, on 711kHz. Modulation is reported as being rather low, due to a faulty valve, although this is hoped to be rectified before too long. Other stations still operational in the area, are.... **Coast 103**, **Twigs FM**, **KFM** and **County Sound**. We also have reports of a station called **Swinging Radio Impulse** which plays just oldies, on 96.0MHz. An information sheet was received about this station, but no actual reports of it being heard, have been received. We have just learned that Steve Marshal has now left **Coast 103** and joined **Radio Nova** in Fahan, Co. Donegal.

**Co. LIMERICK.** Plenty of activity in this area with five stations reported in the city....'**Hits 954**', **The Sound Channel**, **Radio Luimni**, **Stereo Radio Munster** and a new one called **Radio Vera International (RVI)**. According to reports, the latter station, broadcasting on FM, pops up all over the band. Radio Luimni are advertising a 'Radio Luimni Roadshow' for Christmas, appearing at the Glentworth Hotel on 20th November, with who else, but 'John The Man'. The Sound Channel has now dropped its news service and just the odd headlines are featured throughout the day. The station does not appear as successful as it used to be. An associate company to the station runs a newspaper called 'The Limerick Observer', and a recent article has featured 'the race for licences'. Naturally enough, they have said that they are the only ones who will be licensed, and have proceeded to run down the other stations in the city, so much so, that Hits 954 issued a disclaimer which was read out over the air. 'Hits 954' in the meantime, continue to enjoy an abundance of advertising in the run up to Christmas. Their current line - up reads.... 07:00 Dave Shearer, 10:00 Stuart Clarke, 14:00 Ger Bradshaw, 16:00 Steve Philips, 20:00 Kevin Nelson, 00:00 Donal Kavanagh. Plans to move from their present studio/office complex at Top Floor, 99 O'Connell Street are well underway, we are told.

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**LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY - 6 - 9th November 1987.**

"This weekend, touched down on 31 stations, 13 of which were in stereo. New this week... **Touch - FM** (96.2 Wednesday), **Indian** (105.5 Friday), **Non - stop reggae** (93.05) and a **Greek testing** (105.45 st. Sunday). **Missing / Not heard...** **Clockwork Radio**, **Starpoint**. **Returned...** **Girls - FM** (twice), **CDR**, **RFL**.

The increasingly stable ridge of high pressure centred over S.E. England and Northern France, not only gave three good clear nights for the Guy Fawkes celebrations, but brought in freak TV and FM reception conditions. Thirty miles South of London, and Tyne Tees TV came in rock solid for the best part of three days, for instance. On the other hand, FM listening conditions on Friday night / Saturday morning for the low powered local privateers was increasingly difficult. It seemed like every FM transmitter within a four hundred mile radius, was receivable in London. For dx-ers, it must have been a field day. For Privateer fans, it was murder! In Central London, strong stereo signals of near perfect quality, on 88.7, 94.7, 98.0, 103.3 and 105.5, from France and 102.1 from Belgium / Holland, blocked out, or badly restricted the listening to **CDR** (88.7), **Chicago 87** (94.55) and **Traffic Jam** (97.95). **RTR**, **Soul - FM** and **Studio 1**, were other stations also badly affected by foreign or even national stations. **BGCR** were affected by a tiny Radio Kent relay, eighty miles away at Dover!

There are an increasing number of stories of the aggressive competitive nature of some of the stations. Reports of transmitters being 'lifted' are now almost commonplace. **K - JAZZ** (94.4) was the last known incident, but **Faze 1** disappeared again, for no good reason, on Sunday morning. A new tactic showed its head this weekend, when on Friday night, a strong carrier wave was noted on 93.05. This was at first thought to be **Solar 93** warming up, but in the following hours, a reggae tape loop of about 90 minutes duration, began playing. This played all weekend, without links or I.D.'s or breaks. It effectively blanked out **Solar 93** from much of London. But for the fact that **Solar** dropped down from 93.05 to 92.95 last week and stayed there this week, it would have been totally destroyed. This can only be construed as an intimidatory act, meant to give **Solar** the bum's rush and free the slot for the intruder. This is piracy in the true sense of the word. Should this kind of action be allowed to continue and increase, then the authorities will have no option but to crack down - hard, instead of the rather half - hearted manner they are pursuing at the moment. If this happens, then we will all suffer. There will be no more stations. The presenters will not be able to hype their gigs, but, most importantly, we, the listenere, will be left with Capital Radio!

West London's mixed format black community station **CDR** (88.7 st.) have returned with a new stereo rig. Testing has been intermittent over the last week or two, and on Friday (6th Nov.) was heard through the mush caused by the French skip, playing both sides of a Nat 'King' Cole greatest hits album. Programming is believed to have restarted sometime on Saturday.

Heard for the first time on Wednesday was **Touch - FM** (96.2), and is thought to be an evening station only, at present. On Saturday evening, presumably at the beginning of transmissions, over a long instrumental track, those immortal words 'One... Two... Testing... Testing...' were heard. This new SW London outfit are programming in the soft soul format.

The engineers from Time Radio seem to have been spending some time at sister station, **Girls - FM** (96.95 st.), as it has been more off than on in the last week or two. But they were finally back on Sunday, after a false start on Friday, with a much bigger signal and in stereo for the first time, which puts them up amongst the big boys. They even seem to have finally rustled up a few female jockettes at long last.

West London's veteran rock radio specialists, **Radio Free London**, could be heard in what is hoped was test mode on Sunday evening, with back to back, non - stop rock hits. It is difficult to say what frequency they were actually on, as they were distorting all the way from the edges of **LWR** on 92.2, right up to the edges of **Solar 93** on 92.85. In the process, they splattered **BBC Radio 4** and **North London's Studio 1**.

**R - FM**, however, managed a relatively trouble free day on Sunday, now that **K - JAZZ** have their recovered transmitter back in full working order. They have moved up band slightly from 94.3 to 94.4, which meant that, in turn, **City Radio** moved up to 94.5 and God alone knows what happened to **Chicago 87** (94.55) at this point, is anybody's guess, as they were being crowded out by a strong French station on 94.7 all weekend.

**Hits - FM** (105.5 - Sat. or Sun.) made it Saturday this week for their oldies day. It was probably the right decision, as on Sunday night, an equally powerful Greek station was heard intermittently testing in stereo, on 105.45.

Well, a weekend which has provided a few fireworks as well as a few damp squibs, but it is hoped that the aggressive nature of some of the stations will be curbed by next week".

Our thanks as always, to Sid, for another interesting look into piratical activity, out of our earshot.

On Sunday night last (8th), another report tells us that **Radio Free London** was active on 92.6MHz., with their usual selection of rock music. They were noted at 19:40 and closed down at 01:00. Audio was slightly distorted at times, however, which Sid mentioned in his report.

This weekend's log of London activity can now be found at the end of the land - based section.

**THE SOUTH COAST.** On Sunday 1st November, **ABC Radio** in Eastbourne put out a loop tape, explaining what happened the previous week, and guess what? They were the subject of an attempted raid after only fifteen minutes! Luckily, the look - out system gave the team plenty of warning as to the exact location of the DTI, and all staff got safely away, along with all the equipment. The station expects to be absent from the airwaves for about four or five weeks to enable the engineers to build a new 65 watt rig. Station address....128 Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

**MERSEYSIDE.** On Monday last (9th), the only station noted here, was **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. They mentioned that they hoped to get the FM transmitter active for this weekend.

Tim Jackson, the local reporter, tells us that last Sunday, **Radio Veronica** did appear after all, but not until later in the afternoon, and were not noted until 16:40., after apparently signing on at 15:00. The station closed down at 18:15. Neil Frazer announced the station had been on the air for a short test broadcast the previous day, but had not been noted. No reason is known for the changed times. Frequency remains, however, 104.75MHz. Another report from the area tells us that **Liverpool Pirate Radio** is still active on 1398kHz.(v) from time to time. Phil Davies is the D.J. heard on air. Another station using a VFO in the Liverpool area, is **Radio Veronica Int.**, on 1629kHz.(well out of the medium wave band!). They announce 188m and 1600kHz., however, with 20 watts of power. Their mailing address is 206 Randle Heights, Croxteth, Liverpool L11 6NJ.

On Friday, both **North Coast Radio**, on 1350kHz. and **Radio Merseywaves**, on 1242kHz. were heard quite early in the morning with normal programmes. Saturday saw these two joined by **Radio Atlantis** on 1197kHz. This station was heard to announce '28 hours of music each weekend', whereas the other two are now on 'four day weekends' (Friday to Monday inc.), although, having said that, RMW often go '24 hours'. All night man on Saturday/Sunday, Phil Davies, famous for his good classic oldies, was heard to announce that it was his last overnight show, as he was tired of losing sleep and preferred to host, say, an afternoon show for a couple of hours.

Sunday, and all three had good clean signals noted from quite early on in the morning, to be joined very much later, by **Veronica 104**, on 104.75MHz.FM. As last Sunday, Veronica appeared about mid afternoon, and this looks to be their new on-air time. Heard by us, was Adrian Cooke, editor of *Wavelength* magazine, followed by 'The Offshore Tapes' which features a recording of Caroline from a few days ago, and recorded down South. This gives Northern listeners, with only standard radios, the chance to hear Radio Caroline in good quality. This tape featured Tim Allen.

**YORKSHIRE.** A very quiet week once again, with only **Soundwaves 105** noted, in the Bradford area. This time, they were broadcasting on 104.2MHz. and were just heard last Friday evening, from 19:30 till around 02:00. The station now has five D.J.'s and mentioned that they would be upping power and moving location shortly.

**MANCHESTER.** Two weeks ago, we printed a story about a station called IBC and the fact that they had been raided only a couple of days after commencing broadcasts. We thought it strange at the time that a station could be identified and tracked down so quickly. This week, a reader in the city informs us that this story was, apparently, a publicity stunt, on behalf of this station, which is not due on the air for another couple of weeks.

**Independent Community Radio** were back on the air as usual, last weekend and seemed to be messing about with the stereo. On Sunday evening (8th), Sam Brown, in his 'Soul Spectrum' programme, asked listeners to write in and tell him if they thought ICR should remain in stereo or not. The station signed off as usual at 07:00 on Monday morning. The frequency was 103.5MHz.

**WKLR** returned to the airwaves last Saturday evening (7th) with Simon Richards until 23:00, follow by Scott Brookes. Our reporter tells us that his favourite show is on at 01:00 with Suzie Mitchell's 'Sound of the Sixties'. He believes this show may get the station its biggest audience. The frequency here was 97.0MHz.

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**RENFREWSHIRE.** **Neon Radio** were on air yesterday from 13:00 till 16:00 and again today, between 14:00 and 16:00, on 103.9MHz. From next Sunday, the Anorak show will be aired at 12:30. **Radio Mercury** were on low power last night, on 96.1MHz., in the Glasgow area.

**LONDON....This weekend.** Heard/reported, so far have been..... **RJR** on 90.0, **RTR**, on 90.4, **Faze 1** on 90.9, **Sky** on 91.6, **LWR** on 92.1, **Studio FM** on 92.6, **Solar 93** on 92.9, **Kiss FM** on 93.9, **Starpoint** on 94.3, **RFM** on 94.3 (Sunday only), **Chicago 87** on 94.5, **LGR** on 95.5, **Raiders** on 97.8, **TKO** on 102.4, **Fresh** on 103.3, **Time** on 103.7 and **Hits FM** on 105.5MHz. There now seems to be three Greeks operating, with 88.5 and 104.2 in addition to LGR. 94.3 was believed today, to be **K - JAZZ**, but our reporter could not hear them due to a strong RFM signal.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS.** The storms returned to the North Sea this past week, with a vengeance, following a very calm period of weather. Caroline reported the sea conditions all day Thursday, as 'rough'. In these rough and exposed waters the **m.v. Communicator** had a few more problems, similar to those of a couple of weeks ago. This time, the temporary anchor would not hold again. Due to the heavy seas, the crew on board decided that it would be in their own safety to start the engines, and sail to a more sheltered position. This they did, and on Thursday morning were safely anchored approximately 2.3 miles off the Felixstowe coastline, in much calmer waters. The ship was in no danger of being arrested under the 1967 Marine Etc. Broadcasting Offences Act. No broadcasts had been made inside territorial waters, nor was the ship capable of broadcasting anyway, as there were no aerials erected. Due to being inside territorial waters however, the Customs were within their rights to board and inspect the vessel. As far as we know this did not happen. On Saturday afternoon, the ship sailed back to its old position off the Galloper Sand Bank, some 13½ miles off the coast.

#### **CAROLINE 558/ MONIQUE 963.**

Steve Conway finally left the ship last Sunday, after a stint of exactly 99 days. Not a record by any means, but well worthy of a mention. Steve was first heard on 24th February last, which, at the time of reckoning, was 257 days ago, 217 of which were spent actually on the ship, leaving a mere 40 days on shore leave. Not bad going at all. We failed to mention last week, that Jackie Lee was also taking shore leave. Kevin Turner made a welcome re - appearance on Monday's breakfast show, albeit with a severe headache, which got worse throughout his show. His return gave Peter Philips the chance to have a well earned rest, after having been on board for approximately 9 weeks. Kevin was to have returned some weeks ago, but had been standing in for 'Cosmic' on 'land' duties. We understand Cosmic had injured his foot in a boating accident, and was unable to get around too well. Another quick return to the Ross, was Chris Kennedy, who appeared again last weekend and who takes over the late night spot, which had been hosted by the duo, Steve Conway and Mike Watts. Steve, who had been the regular newsreader for a long time, has not been replaced by anyone permanent in this position. Nigel Harris has been heard reading the breakfast news. Current line - up reads... 05:00 Kevin Turner, 09:00 Keith Francis, 13:00 Nigel Harris, 17:00 Tim Allen, 21:00 Chris Kennedy, 01:00 Pat Brookes. On Tuesday morning, Keith Francis announced that they would be leaving the air at 10:00 for essential aerial maintainance. This they did on time, as did Radio Monique, who were still on 963kHz. Both frequencies were off the air for the rest of the daylight hours. We are not sure of the exact time, but they returned sometime around 18:00. On resuming broadcasts Radio Monique was still on 963kHz. We understand that some work had been carried out on the shortwave 'sausage' aerial, in preparation for full time operation on 6210kHz. This is hoped to commence within about 14 days. At first the

558 service is to be relayed, but religious programmes are expected to be introduced on shortwave, in order to supplement the income which allows them to keep the ship in a good state of repair.

A new voice was heard on the lunch -time news on Friday, calling himself Andy Cameron. He had an Australian accent. The station was on the air on Friday evening as normal, but when we tuned in on Saturday morning (14th), both 558kHz. and 963kHz. were silent. They remained off the air all yesterday, which lead to speculation that Peter Chicago was working on changing the frequency of Radio Monique and Viewpoint 963, which is still being badly affected by Radio Finland. We awoke on Sunday to find 963kHz. still silent, but Radio Caroline back on the air. 981kHz. was checked, and others around this area, but we found no sign of Radio Monique. We then heard an announcement on Radio Caroline, that Radio Monique could be found on the new frequency of 819kHz. On quickly re - tuning, there, was Monique. Despite Q 102 (Dublin) on the same frequency, the signal here during the daylight hours was similar to that on 963kHz., although by 16:00, Radio Sud was the only thing audible on 819kHz. How this frequency will fare at night is as yet unknown. We were surprised at the choice of frequency due to the close proximity of Chiltern Radio (828kHz.), and are interested to hear if there any problems with listeners in the Luton area.

On Radio Monique, live D.J.'s were Luc Dardin, Dick Verheul and Sebastian Black. All three have been on board for about a month and a change of staff was more than due, when last weekend, Erwin van der Blic, Wim der Valk, along with a new but as yet unknown D.J. arrived.

Groundwave conditions are pretty grim as we approach the shortest day, and we can only monitor the station during the 8/9 hours of daylight, so our thanks this week to Clive, Mark, Alan and Ian, who all live in the South East, for filling in a few of the gaps.

#### THE VOICE OF PEACE.

Up to date news continues to arrive courtesy of Vered and Gali, our local reporters in Rishon le Zion, Paul Fraser and Tim Shepherd..... The line - up on Wednesday 4th November read..... 00:00 Chris, 03:00 Paul Frazer, 06:00 John McDonald, 09:00 Mike Darby, 13:00 Neil Armstrong, 16:00 Steve Richards, 18:00 Neil Armstrong, 19:30 Tim Shepherd, 22:00 Steve Richards. During this day, Steve and Tim returned from shore leave, allowing Paul and John to take their break, hence the line - up would change again, the day after this report was despatched. Paul has now returned to the U.K. and after a break of just over a month, plans to return to the ship on Christmas Eve. Mike Darby, we understand, has now left also and has no plans to return. Another new recruit from S.E. England, is Ian Hudson, who we understand, is now on board. Former VOP D.J. Jerry Sales was noted on the air, on 29th, at 05:30, saying 'hi' to all his friends. Sports programmes can still be heard regularly and 'special days' when one artist, or era, or specialist music is spotlighted, is another popular feature. So far, the Beatles, Elvis, Oldies and local Hebrew music have been under the spotlight. The financial news can be heard throughout the day, read by Hagay Golan via the ship to shore link. International news in English is dealt with on the ship and was read at 12:00 by Mike Darby, and at 19:00 by Tim Shepherd. There have been no major transmission breaks, although one or two minor ones, no doubt for generator oil changes, etc. One break, on the evening of 1st November, was due to a flood. As Mike Darby came out of the studio, he found himself in several inches of water, which was also lapping around the base of the transmitters. As a result, the station switched off to find the problem, which turned out to be a water pump, which had stuck on, with the resulting loss of much of their fresh water. This was soon pumped out, and the station returned to the airwaves less than two hours later.

The strike at KOL Israel continues resulting in masses of advertising for the VOP. Abie was heard to mention (jokingly?) that if the strike continued, he would be able to afford a new ship! As it, a new 25kw FM rig is awaited, along with a new Caterpillar generator to replace a rather tired Perkins model. The ship is booked into dry dock at Ashdod in January, for several new plates to be welded on to the hull.

Finally, the only other station locally, is the army station, Galei Tzahal, which carries no advertising. On 6th November, they aired a feature on the VOP, which stated that 1 in 6 people in Israel listened to the offshore station.

#### SHORTWAVE STATIONS.

**Superclan Radio** were raided by the Dutch authorities last Sunday morning, at approximately 08:20. The station had been on the air for only 20 minutes when the raid occurred. The operator of Superclan, has been raided many times on both FM and shortwave, and indeed, is in court the coming week, for an FM offence. The station was back on the air yesterday (14th), all morning, on 6204kHz., using 100 watts. It is unlikely that the station will be heard again, as the operator has already obtained a suspended sentence for previous offences. The raid is understood to have been the result of a complaint from Portishead Radio, who operate on this channel. He was also involved in a raid a few days ago, on an FM station, which we believe the Dutch authorities have raided seven times in a two week purge on pirate radio.

#### Today's Log..Sunday 15th November 1987.

5295kHz...UNID., at 09:23gmt.  
6200kHz...UNID., at 12:40gmt.  
6205kHz...RADIO DIGITAL, at 11:47gmt.  
6210kHz...RADIO GRAVESTONE, at 09:08gmt.  
6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:45gmt.  
6217kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 13:25gmt.  
6235kHz...RADIO CAVENDISH, at 11:05gmt.  
6240kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO, at 10:51gmt.  
6273kHz...RADIO BUTTERCUP INT., at 11:40gmt.  
6275kHz...RADIO LUCE, at 09:44gmt.  
6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 11:42gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:52gmt.  
6280kHz...RADIO ANDREA INT., at 11:43gmt.  
6285kHz...UNID., at 11:30gmt.  
6285kHz...W.M.R., at 15:10gmt.  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:50gmt.  
6300kHz...RADIO ALBATROSS, at 09:48gmt.  
6300kHz...W.L.R., at 14:28gmt.  
6302kHz...UNID., at ?  
6305kHz...KLA RADIO, at 10:20gmt.  
6306kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 12:20gmt.  
6310kHz...RADIO EAST COAST COMM., at 13:15gmt.  
6318kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 12:18gmt.  
6406kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:50gmt.  
6580kHz...RADIO BRIGITTE, at 10:00gmt.  
6728kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:36gmt.  
6850kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 11:02gmt.  
6887kHz...RADIO ORION, at 09:25gmt.  
7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:25gmt.  
7423kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 10:59gmt.  
9338kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 10:20gmt.

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Conditions on shortwave today were quite good, although we were suffering some severe electrical interference here, which made a few indentifications impossible. Logs in BOLD type are ours, here in Blackpool, our thanks to loggers in Worcestershire, Devon, Lincolnshire, Hampshire, Surrey, Bremen, West Germany (Radiotelex) and the Midlands for telephoning their logs into us.

The UNID. on 5295kHz. was not PFBS. The UNID. on 6200kHz., was heard with continuous music. Radio Digital gave out an address in the Netherlands. Riverside Radio Int. changed channel later, just for a test. They also relayed Radio Gravestone.

It was a big welcome back to Radio Cavendish, who made an appearance on 6235kHz. this morning. This station was heard for a long period in the late 1970's. A mailing address was given out as 128 Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Good News Radio was relayed via the transmitters of Radio Rainbow Int. Radio Luce was via Radio Waves. Radio Andrea Int. was via Westside Radio.

Radio Orion changed channels on several occasions, although the signal received by our reporter in the midlands, on 6406kHz. was a harmonic.(of 6290kHz.).

The UNID. on 6302kHz. was possibly Radio Nova Belgium or Radio Normaal. Britain Radio Int. were asking for reception reports for their new frequency. The response on 6200kHz. was not too good due to bleed over from the 49m band. Their address is.... Postbus 19074, 3501 DB Utrecht, Holland.

Just one amendment to last week's log... PFBS were not on 6275kHz., according to the operator, via RT.

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Our thanks to everyone at home and abroad, for all contributions received for this week's edition. If anyone has any comments, whether good or bad, please write to us and let us know, we do take note, remember this.

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# **The WEEKLY**

# **REPORT**

# **ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

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According to the national press, it now seems fairly certain that the post office workers intend to take some sort of industrial action before Christmas. As usual, this will mean a strike of some sort and instead of the people concerned suffering (management), it will once again, be the poor old general public. What are we going to do? Well, there is not a lot we can do really, only ask everyone to order now, if they are getting some of our goods for intended Christmas presents. At least, the post office are giving us plenty of warning, and it appears that early December could be the time we could all be affected. We shall print and post the report as normal if a strike does take place, but we have no choice but to use the post office (Santa tells us his sleigh his full throughout December!). Also, in view of the fact that Christmas falls at the weekend, we are considering at this stage, having a double issue on 3rd January and not printing on 27th December. Comments of course, will be welcome and noted.

The latest on the proposed Irish broadcasting legislation: The Government say they are going to license one commercial radio station per county (26), plus, two for Dublin, two for Cork, one for Limerick etc., additionally. A national commercial station is also planned, in competition with the present commercial state - run operations. Over the last ten years or so since legislation has been promised / threatened, the noises made now by the present Government seem louder than ever before, and one cannot help but wonder if something really is going to happen this time. It is understood that present un - licenced operators will be able to apply for such a licence. The whole set up will cost fortunes to establish and one wonders further if the Irish Government can justify such expense in the face of other more serious demands. Of course, the alternative here, would be to license the existing ones and let 'supply and demand' rule. It would then be a case of 'survival of the fittest', of course. One subscriber wondered in the week, whether we would still report on the Irish scene when it was all legal. Our reply here is that we think there is a lot of water to run under the bridge before that question has to be answered. What do you think?

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**NEW ARRIVALS.** Hot off the press on Sunday, **Radiotelex Issue 111** ('Schnapszahl' edition - three identical numerals!) arrived on Tuesday packed with the logs from the past three Sundays on short wave. Like us, extended to six pages, but to cover the extra week here, this A5 magazine has lots for the SW listener. To subscribe, contact RT, c/o Postfach 10 37 71, D 2800 Bremen 1, West Germany..... **Now Radio**, Issue 40 arrived and details on this one can be found on the 'extra page' advertisement..... **CLCG Magazine**, Number 10 / 87 has no fewer than 47 single sided A4 sheets, bound together in a neat way. Lots to be found in this mammoth collection, with SW, Offshore, German radio and much more covered. All in the German language, however. Details from.... **CLCG Magazine**, Postfach 54 01 01, D - 4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... **Play - DX**, Issue 482, the regular weekly arrival from Italy, has 6 x A4 sides of long distance logs and reports, written in English, Italian and Spanish, excellent for the dx -er. Details from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **Caroline Movement (Thanet Branch) Newsletter**, Number 23. Only a single A4 sheet this time, due to 'circumstances beyond their control'. It's free with an SAE to CM (Thanet), 121 Monkton Street, Monkton, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 4JQ..... **Free Radio Log** from Radio Waves Int. It says No. 5, but then inside

says 'welcome to the first edition!' An interesting little A5 booklet about SW pirate activity. 24 pages here but we are unsure of how much it may cost, so send to RWI for more details at RWI, BP No. 130, 92504 Reuil Cedex, France, enclosing an IRC.

**TAPE OFFERS.** The final one in our series of four Australian tapes, and the best, we think, as Tape 124 and **3FOX ('The Fox')**, again, from Melbourne. Excellent FM quality and more 'classic rock' here, with host Mark Carter on this lunchtime show from 22nd October. Tape 125, and it's back to the States, for a station that can often be heard over on this side. On 1080 AM, we feature **WTIC** from Hartford, Connecticut with a breakfast show, also from 5th November, with Bob Steele, who has apparently been in radio for the last 50 years! A bit like an ILR station (not much music), but interesting to see how they do it that much better. Tape 126, recorded on 22nd October, and over to the Mexican border for a 'border blaster' on side 1, featuring the legendary Wolfman Jack on **XETRA - AM**. Plenty of his type of humour, and lots of oldies mixed in between. The second side of this tape features Ken Noble on 'longer listening', **KYXY - FM** located in San Diego. This station features more of a soft music format. As usual, all the above recordings are on C-90 cassettes and cost £2.00 each.

**GENERAL.** Barry Collins of Coventry has asked us to clarify a point. We have printed several reports recently containing the word 'harmonic'. Harmonics of a frequency appear on frequencies which are exact multiples of the original (the fundamental). For example, we used to hear Energy's second harmonic on 1476kHz.(2 x 738kHz.). We cannot hear a third one on 2214kHz. Other signals which occur on the

a third one on 2214kHz. Other signals which occur on the band /receiver which are obviously from a single source, but not on a multiple frequency of that source, can be covered by the term 'spurious emissions'. A number of receivers, sometimes quite good ones, have shortcomings and are guilty of such things as overloading etc. If you think the signal you are receiving should not be there, check another set, possibly in another part of your location.

**FORTHCOMING EVENT.** The Thanet Branch of the Caroline Movement are holding a "60's and 70's Disco and Social Evening" on 5th December in Margate. Tickets are priced at £3 and include food and entertainment. Celebrity guests are expected to attend. For further details, ring (0843) 821112.

**WANTED.** 'The Days of Pearly Spencer' by David McWilliams, 'What's So Funny' by Brinzley Schwarz, 'Pinball' by Brian Protheroe and 'Royal Bed Bouncer' by Kayak to complete the Radio Caroline Top 500 collection of Frank Tobin, Ballinamona House, Courtmacsherry, Co. Cork, Eire. Please contact, stating price, etc.

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**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** Listening to the BBC Radio 4 news yesterday morning (21st November), an item was carried about impending broadcasting legislation in the Irish Republic. The item stated that a 'new' radio network was being set up in direct competition to the State service RTE. It also mentioned that the existing 70 or so 'pirate' stations would be subject to heavy fines should they continue after the implementation of the legislation. Strangely enough, the Radio Tara project, which one would have thought was of more interest to the U.K. audience, was not mentioned in this news bulletin. As yet we are unsure how these new ideas will affect the existing stations (will they be licensed, or will only new applicants be accepted), but we hope to have more details in the coming weeks.

**DUBLIN.** After much speculation about the intentions of the new **Radio Nova** mentioned last week, Wednesday morning brought the first regular programming from this new service to the city. Tests of continuous music had been heard throughout the past week on 100.0MHz., and no announcements were noted by us at all. On Wednesday morning however, programmes started, and announcements were given after every few records, mentioning that this was the 'new' Radio Nova, and all music played was on compact discs. Niall McGowen was the voice we heard during the morning, another report mentioned Noel Clancey, and a third report told us they heard 'a foreign sounding voice'. A news service was introduced in conjunction with neighbours **Energy 103**. This was actually the Energy news, but re-named 'Independent Radio News'. In fact, it is basically back to the days of Nova/KISS FM, and Nova/Magic 103, with two services, but only one broadcasting on medium wave, and the quality station on FM. **Energy 103** began broadcasting from a new studio on Monday evening (16th), which was built on the floor below the previous one. After a spell of being in Leeson Street, Radio Nova is now believed to be actually broadcasting from the original Nova building, at 19 Herbert Street. Indeed, this address has been read out many times for correspondence. No telephone lines have yet been installed, and so any enquiries can still only be made by post.

Whilst Radio Nova is another choice for the listener in Dublin, which is good news, the frequency chosen has caused major headaches for some other stations, who are far from happy about the situation. We mentioned last week, that **North Dublin Community Radio** were being obliterated on their own FM channel of 100.0MHz., and that **Boyneside Radio** had moved from 100.1MHz. to 100.3MHz. due to problems, even as far North as Drogheda. These problems were compounded in the early part of last week, when we found that **Sunshine Radio** had re-introduced their fourth transmitter on FM, and changed two of the other frequencies. They now broadcast on 100.3MHz., 100.7MHz., 101.1MHz. and 101.5MHz. The outlet on 100.3MHz. is the same channel as Boyneside Radio moved to last week to avoid Nova. The closeness of Sunshine (100.3) and Nova (100.0) in Dublin, is causing problems to listeners in cars, as many radios cannot separate the two powerful signals at such close proximity. How all this mess is going to sort itself out is, as yet, unknown. Latest news in, tells us that NDCR can now be found on 105.5MHz., following a test period in the week on 100.5MHz.

Boyneside Radio also, have plans to move from 100.3MHz., we believe. Finally, we found this morning, that the 'new' Nova has moved down slightly in frequency to 99.9MHz.

Amidst all this excitement, a caller on Friday morning, asked us if we had checked the signal of Energy 103, on 738kHz. He was ringing from Yorkshire and told us that the signal there was excellent. We duly checked at once, and, lo and behold, back to big power, possibly towards 10 kw. We understand that the recent spell of low power was possibly as a result of the station putting out rather a strong harmonic on 1476kHz. (2 x 738), which interfered with Radio Monte Carlo, on 1476kHz., after dark. The interference was not on the continent, but in Dublin, where Monte Carlo have an office. **Energy 103** now certainly has the strongest signal coming out of Dublin on the medium wave band. Even during the evenings it is still audible here in Blackpool, above the high level of foreign interference.

Whilst being excited about Nova's return, we find ourselves in a poor position to judge the station, here in Blackpool. Whilst we can receive the station around 100.0MHz., the police and emergency services also share this section of the FM band in this part of the U.K., which prevents any serious listening, or even judgement of programmes or quality of the audio. Listening to recordings made in the city a couple of days ago, we must admit that audio quality is exceptional, and can understand the owner's excitement at this first 'all compact disc station'. The non-stop music overnight is certainly different and presents a definite alternative to what is presently available. It would be a shame to spoil the station with too much inane chat and make it the same as many other 'chatty' stations. They are calling it 'Nova, the Hot 100 FM', why not keep it that way, hot, fast and exceptional?

Meanwhile, rivals **Sunshine 101** continue with their 'cash calls' and £1,000 was given away on Monday morning last, at around 08:45, for 'listening to the red hot sounds of Sunshine 101'. Their prize is now up to £2,000 for anyone who gives the correct phrase. **Q 102** were heard countering this later in the week, when, after giving away £500 for being the tenth caller to identify a certain tune rather early in the day, were telling listeners to stay tuned every minute of the day, as a further £500 may be given away the same day!

Back at **Energy 103**, following a recent successful outside broadcast from the Stillorgan Shopping Centre, further O.B.'s are planned and future ones are being considered for the Dun Laoghaire and Nutgrove Shopping Centres, along with a second one at Stillorgan. Another major event coming up in the next few months is 'Energy - Care '87', which will take place in the Phoenix Park Leisure Complex on 12th December. This year, the Centra group of shops are helping Energy to collect toys and gifts from the general public who responded so generously last year.

**Co. CAVAN.** 'Daffy' Don Allen can now be heard presenting the Breakfast Show on **Erneside Community Radio**. His voice has also been heard on jingles and commercials. The station can be heard on 1251kHz., 97.8Mhz. and 107.0MHz.



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**Co. MAYO.** Having had a good run for the past few weeks on 738kHz, **Independent Radio Mayo** will probably now have a few problems on their fringe reception areas, due to the power increase from **Energy 103**. Hopefully this will not prove too much of a problem.

**Co. MONAGHAN.** Plans seem to be well advanced for one of the new stations on the border, which aims to beam in at Belfast. The station which is possibly to be called KISS FM, will operate 5kW on medium wave and 3 kW on FM. The last of the studio equipment has now arrived, and parts are just awaited to increase the FM output to a full 3kW. What effect the new Radio Bill will have on these new stations is uncertain, but a lot of money has been ploughed into to this operation so far.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Boyneside Radio** are still experiencing severe problems with interference to their main medium wave outlet of 1305kHz. due to **Radio ERI** being off channel.

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**LAND - BASED STATIONS.**

**LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY FOR 13th - 16th November 1987.**

Still plenty of action in the Capital, as Sid's report will confirm.... "This weekend touched down on 28 stations, of which 12 were in stereo. Missing believed busted / or not heard were:- B.G.C.R. - Soul FM - Roots FM - Girls FM Clockwork Wireless - K Jazz - R.F.L. - London Rock.

The stations are becoming so well organised that it is difficult to know when they have been busted. They are often back before it is realised that they have gone in the first place. And that was the case this week when the DoTI people took out a number of stations including the Crystal Palace based **Roots FM**. This is the mystery reggae station, who last week unceremoniously sat on the **Solar 93** transmissions. Solar had replied to the Roots FM threat by extending their broadcasts beyond the normal Monday morning cut - off, and as a result were among those taken out by the DoTI people in mid - week. With the exception of Roots FM, and **Girls FM** (96.95) all those taken out Wednesday were back by Friday evening. One, the popier soul styled **Chicago '87** (94.6) even returned in stereo, but as the re - vitalised and re - powered **City Radio** have moved up last week from 94.4 to 94.5MHz., it has been very difficult to accurately pull them in.

**R FM's** (94.3 stereo - Sunday) 'Magnificent Seven' were coming through loud and clear over most of London, with the exception that is, of the immediate area around the **Starpoint / K - Jazz** (94.3) transmitter. **Starpoint**, who had been emitting a strong signal over Friday and Saturday, suddenly stopped putting out programmes early Sunday morning. It was presumed that the dead air was in anticipation of K - Jazz turning up, and taking over for the rest of the day. Well K - Jazz didn't turn up, but the transmitter remained on for the rest of the day with just dead air, giving R - FM a virtual clear run.

**Rock to Rock** (90.4) have come up a long way in the power stakes recently, probably as a result of Arab Radio for London sitting on their doorstep a few months back. A.R.L. disappeared very quickly, presumably at the hands of the DoTI people. RTR have a London wide signal from their Elephant and Castle base. This has led on occasions to some very strong spurious emissions in various places on the dial. This week saw them coming up on 89.4 with either a second transmitter or, more likely another of their 'sprogs'.

**Phase 1** (90.95) suffered power or aerial related problems, and were unable to lay down the total blanket

of sound across the City on Saturday. This meant that at least it was possible to confirm that **Sina Radio Int.** (90.85 - Swinging Radio India) were still on air.

Another power graduate is **Studio 1** (92.65) now sometimes just calling itself **Studio FM**. After months of on/off situations and huge variations in power, a string of busts, and so on, they finally seem to have a decent set - up which is getting the signal out very well.

There are now three stations claiming to be broadcasting in stereo, which have yet to be confirmed. South London's **RTR** (90.45), North London's **City Radio** (94.5) and West London newcomer, **Touch FM** (96.2).

Once again a mystery carrier wave has been heard on 96.0MHz. All over the weekend, the search button kept stopping on this slot, and on Saturday it was even lighting the stereo beacon. This has been noted on a number of occasions lately, most recently on 18th October when intermittent programming was heard, but no ID caught. Before that, the **Dread Broadcasting Company** used it for relaying a live concert from a marquee on Wormwood Scrubs.

Whether it be by design, or just a slipping transmitter, Wembley's **Traffic Jam** have, over the last few weeks, come down from 98.0 to this week's 97.85. This put them on exactly the same frequency as CHR rockers **Raiders FM**. **Traffic Jam**, who never seem to get busted, have a history of power variations. At the moment they are relatively high powered and can be heard over much of London. As a result of their current coverage, they seem to have changed their programming away from virtually total roots reggae, to a softer style. All this, of course doesn't help **Raiders FM** who are not now getting into Central and North West London.

**Tim Stewart**, one of South East London's 'Golden Groovers' for **Hits FM** (105.5 - Saturday) has introduced a nautical note into his 5 - 7 slot. He is now running an offshore news line, and includes various Golden Oldie jingles from the heydays of Off - Shore broadcasting.

On a weekend when the leaves on the ground, have made the roads of London more slippery than an LWR jock on the roof of a rival's transmitter shack, things have remained relatively quiet - but a lot can happen in the next week."

Our thanks to Sid, as usual. This weekend's snippets of news and loggings for this area can be found at the end of the land - based section.

**THE MIDLANDS.** According to information gathered from a telephone call to the station, the recent raid (12th November) on **Radio P.C.R.L.** was apparently a big one, in which most of the studio and transmitting equipment was taken. The Department of Trade and Industry even raided the Headquarters at 151 Dudley Road, and took a lot of equipment used for training deejays. They also raided the office, and confiscated a legal radio telephone. In total, £3.00 worth of equipment was taken by the D.T.I. It really seemed a pointless exercise, as the station was back on the air, a few hours later, with makeshift equipment. One of the deejays was apparently sleeping upstairs in the headquarters, and awoke to find 30 people (mostly Police officers) in his bedroom. He was heard to say about the incident "I thought this Country was supposed to be a 'free' Country!". The following day (13th), the D.T.I. were apparently caught trying to break into premises where they believed there was a transmitter. Undaunted, a P.C.R.L. 'All Dayer' took place on 15th November, from 16:00 midnight. The venue was understood to be packed, thus raising some cash to pay for the replacement of the station's lost equipment.

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**U.K. Radio** conducted a test transmission last Sunday eveing (15th) between 21:00 and 23:00. The frequency was 105MHz. During the test they mentioned that due to work on the transmitter, they might not be on the air for a few weeks.

Other stations heard this weekend in this area include **Second City Radio** who appeared on Saturday on 95.05MHz. They have been heard throughout the weekend, and are covering most of the Birmingham area.

**Soul City Radio** made their regular Sunday morning appearance on 103.9MHz., although reception was a problem due to **Radio P.C.R.L.** on an adjacent frequency.

There was no sign of either **Sunshine Radio** from Shropshire, or the **Asian Community** station this weekend.

**YORKSHIRE, HUMBERSIDE and DERBYSHIRE.** Almost no activity has been noted in West Yorkshire this past week. A few transmissions have been noted around 105MHz. which was **Soundwaves 105**. They were on the air last Sunday eveing (15th). A very strong test transmission was monitored on 105.5MHz., yesterday afternoon (21st). However after a time, the transmission began to cause problems on the band and it left the air. This was possibly a test for **Soundwaves**, as they promised an increase in power several weeks ago.

Across in Hull, **Radio Tachoradi** continued to make it to the air last weekend on around 105MHz. The station was active on Friday (13th) between 18:00 and 19:30, and again on Saturday (14th) at 17:30, although reports indicate that they might have left the air earlier than expected for an unknown reason. The Sunday show did not take place, however it has been promised for today (22nd) between 20:00 and 22:00. They apologised for the lack of programmes the previous weekend which was due to 'technical problems' and 'security'. On Saturday, K.D. announced that the power had been increased from 5 watts to 25 watts, and that they would be operating in stereo at some time in the future. An Eight hour special has also been promised for the Christams period. Mystery surrounds the disappearance of **W.L.N.G.** who have not now been heard for a number of weeks. This station used to operate from the Scunthorpe area.

**Radio Freedom** made an expected appearance today on 1242kHz from the Derby area. Due to **Radio Merseywaves** operating on the same frequency, we were unable to hear **Radio Freedom** here in Blackpool. However reports indicate they had a good signal in the Midlands. An FM outlet of 105MHz., was also mentioned and this was indeed received just North of Birmingham.

**MANCHESTER.** A court case took place between the DTI and **IBC Radio** in Bury Magistrates on Wednesday 18th November. (see next weeks cuttings). Fines totalling £500 were given, with all studio equipment confiscated, including a clock, an un - connected mixer, music centre and speaker which was in another room! **IBC Radio** are thinking of appealing to the court of their decision to confiscate items nothing to do with the broadcast. **IBC Radio** will return to the airwaves in early December 1987 on 104.4MHz., with a line - up including new and extra deejays.

**Independent Community Radio** have now gone 7 days per week and are operating 24 hours per day in stereo. This extended service began on 17th November. The station is reaching about 15 miles out of Manchester with a serviceable signal. The sound quality is reported to be as good as that on the adjacent **I.L.R** station **Piccadilly Radio**. Recently, a local Policeman was heard on the air for 12 minutes, appealing for information about a brutal local murder. Frequency to listen out for here is 103.5MHz.

**W.K.L.R.** (97.0MHz) who operate from the South Manchester area, were missing last Wednesday and Saturday evenings, but they returned on Sunday evening, at 20:45 with the only D.J. being Simon Richards. Audio on this transmission was reported to be very good.

Another station reported in this area is **D.I.Y. Radio**. We understand this station operates in South Manchester on 104.7MHz., each Wednesday evening from 20:00. As yet we have no reports of this station being heard, so any reports would be gratefully received.



**BRISTOL.** This is one area which we always seem to miss out on. Many thanks to Terry, who lives in the City and who sent us recently a complete log of the activity during October. The delay in printing it has been due to lack of space, it has taken us until now to print it. Just the two stations are currently operating, **103.5FM** and **B.A.D. Radio**. On Saturday 3rd October, **103.5 FM** were on the air at 09:00 with regular programmes on 103.5MHz (stereo) with their normal transmitter, and so it appeared that the D.T.I. did not raid them the previous week, when they went off the air suddenly. As usual the audio was excellent, and the **Baldrick** was heard until 12:00 closedown. The following night, Sunday 4th October the station was back on the air with a full line - up of programmes. This was the stations first birthday, and references were made to this, along with a re - broadcast of the first ever programme. Tests on that evening were made up until the 19:00 sign - on. Programmes were 19:00 **The Baldrick Juke - Box**, 20:00 **The Anarchy Hour**, 21:00 **Lord Meltewt "His Master's Voice"** 22:00 Closedown. On Saturday 10th October, Breakfast programmes were once again heard between 09:00 and 12:00. Sunday evening saw the full programmes schedule as occurs each week. On Sunday 17th October, 103.5MHz. signed on at 19:00, but by 19:24 the transmitter went haywire, and they signed off amidst a lot of crackles and bad transmissions as far as strength was concerned. Apologies were given for the mess, and the transmitter fault. They promised to return the following Saturday (24th) which they duly did at shortly after 09:00. 103.5 FM's final October broadcast came on the air shortly before 19:00, on 25th October. At closedown that evening, they promised to return on 14th November at 09:00.

Elsewhere in Bristol, **B.A.D. Radio** were on the air on 106.95MHz on Sunday 4th October. Tests were heard first, with regular programmes following at 21:00. The audio was reported as good, but the signal was weak, and transmissions were noted until the early hours of Monday morning. The same evening that 103.5 FM had to leave the air, **B.A.D. Radio** were broadcasting, but with a totally unlistenable signal.

**RENFREWSHIRE.** Just two stations on the air this week in this area. **Radio Mercury** made a short appearance on Thursday evening on their usual frequency of 96.1MHz. **Neon Radio** were absent during the week, but made it back for their Saturday afternoon shows. They were also on the air today with their new schedule, which starts at 12:30 with the 'Anorak Show'. Programmes were expected to run through until 17:00.

**MERSEYSIDE.** All three major medium wave operations were blasting out this week, all with very similar signals. **Radio Merseywaves** (1242kHz) seemed to be a little lower in modulation than they usually are. The previous weekend they were on the air through Monday night, and finally closed down at 07:00 on Tuesday morning. It seems that this station is now back to its old schedule, which was used right up until the last raid, that is starting transmissions on Thursday evening, and running through until the following Tuesday morning. Similarly, **North Coast Radio** (1350kHz) are running four days per week, from Friday morning through until late Monday or the early hours of Tuesday morning. Modulation on **North Coast Radio** is keeping high, as is the signal, which on some evenings even overrides the foreign interference. The promised FM transmissions have still not materialised, although we are promised them once again in the near future. The last of the medium wave stations is **Radio Atlantis**. They are still operating on 1197kHz, which continues to give us problems for reception due to the strong **Radio Telstar**

from Ireland, as well as several Radio 3 relays. Their signal is good however, and most times were able to listen with little interference. The Voice of America is causing them severe problems during the hours of darkness however. The station operates just Saturday and Sunday schedules at the moment, but they are extended hours over what they used to be.

No other stations have been heard from this area by us during the week. However due to early printing this week, we could well have missed the appearance of Radio Veronica, who last week were on the air around tea time. We have had reports of CDFM making transmissions on several night during the week, as well as late on Friday eveing. They have been using frequencies aroud 105.2MHz. Also on the air on Saturday was believed to be Eastham Community Radio on 105.0MHz. They were not received in Blackpool, but were heard weakly on the Wirral.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS.** Not a great deal to report this week on this front. The m.v. Communicator has now gone back out to sea, following its arrival 2 miles off the caost last week. Storms have once again stopped any work being done in order to erect the aerials. In fact, things are not looking too good at themoment, as very few calm days are expected in the coming weeks. Everything else has been finished in order that the service can retur, except this most essential job.

**CAROLINE.** No changes here as far as we can tell, so the line - up has remained as 05:00 Kevin Turner... 09:00 Keith Francis... 13:00 Nigel Harris... 17:00 Tim Allen... 21:00 Chris Kennedy... 01:00 Pat Brookes. The station has not been going 24 hours all week, as several eveings, they have closed early for maintainance, at 01:00. The newsreader who appeared last week, has just as mysteriously disappeared. He was last heard on Wednesday morning reading the 08:30 headlines, but Kevin Turner was then heard to read the 09:00 main bulletin. He had never really got into the news, and continued to make mistakes even after his first few days. Nigel Harris has been heard reading the breakfast news since, with Kevin Turner on Lunch, and Keith Francis doing his bit in the afternoon. Pat Brookes is believed to be spinning the Viewpoint programmes, so he is not quite idle when the station closes at 01:00

The new frequency for Radio Monique and Viewpoint, 819kHz., seems to be getting mixed results as far as reception is concerned. In the South East, with the exception of Luton, the signal is performing quite well, both during the day and night. However in the Midlands, and North, where local ILR and BBC stations are on the air, the signal is virtually impossible to receive. No reports have reached us yet from Holland, which is the main target area.

**LATE IRISH NEWS.** A new station has begun operation in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary. This seems to have obtained the equipment from the now defunct Centre Radio, who went off the air several weeks ago. Broadcasting on 1251kHz., and 104.5MHz FM with 250 watts, with an easy listening an information format,the station is called Premier County Radio, and gives its address as Premier County Radio, Clonmel, County Tipperary. Tel. (052) 24733)

- SHORTWAVE STATIONS.**  
 Today's Log...22nd November 1987.  
 6208kHz...RADIO RIDICULOUS, at 10:21gmt.  
 6210kHz...UNID.(Irish), at 11:35gmt.  
 6235kHz...S.C.R., at 10:25gmt.  
 6240kHz...GOOD NEWS RADIO, at 12:00gmt.  
 6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT., at 12:02gmt.  
 6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 11:00gmt.  
 6275kHz...RADIO ELECTRA, at 11:15gmt.  
 6278kHz...UNID., at 11:20gmt.  
 6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:40gmt.  
 6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:33gmt.  
 6295kHz...UNID., at 11:20gmt.  
 6299kHz...BORDER RADIO, at 10:47gmt.  
 6306kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:44gmt.  
 6313kHz...C.L.C.G., at 10:43gmt.  
 6318kHz...RADIO STELLA, at 10:48gmt.  
 6340kHz...EUROPEAN MUSIC RADIO, at 10:10gmt.  
 6525kHz...K.L.A. RADIO, at 10:30gmt.  
 6728kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:33gmt.  
 7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:55gmt.  
 7367kHz...RADIO AQUARIUS, at 10:40gmt.  
 7370kHz...RADIO CALDONIA, at 11:37gmt.  
 7423kHz...INDIGO RADIO, at 11:14gmt.  
 7423kHz...S.B.C., at 12:00gmt.

Conditions today were reasonable, with most medium distance stations being received here quite well. Thanks to loggers this time in the Midlands, and Devon..

The unidentified station on 6278kHz., was a female voice with an English accent, but no other items were heard which we could identify it with.

Prince Terry of Westside Radio International announced that they would be testing on 41 metres in a few weeks time, although no actual frequencies were given.

The unidentified station on 6275kHz. which we reported on in WR 184, was in fact a station called Voice of Freedom. An old test tape was broadcast on this frequency from a presenter called Gary Wesley, and this was from an old station which operated on 189m / 1584kHz. The new name for the shortwave service of this station is Radio Electra, which was actually on the air this morning.

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HOLLAND

"int. music radio on sw"

Due to reasons beyond our control, FRS - Holland was unable to have its regular 3rd Sunday broadcast in November. There is a chance that FRSH will be on air, Sunday 22nd November, or 29th November. However, this will be a shortened transmission of two hours, but including 'FRS Goes DX'. Sunday 20th December and FRS Holland will be on the air with special Christmas programmes. For the eighth time, the annual FRSH - Christmas Party will be aired on Short Wave. FRSH would like to invite everyone to participate by sending their written Christmas dedications, or tapes to FRSH, Postbus 41, 7700 AA Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands. New Year's greetings to radio friends and relatives are also welcome. We will gladly play your record requests. December 20th 1987: Enjoy the Christmas spirit and the very best in radio.....!

ENTRY FORM

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ONE PERSON WINS  
 £20,000.00 Cash  
 HERE'S HOW IT WORKS —  
 DON'T SAY "HELLO"

When your phone rings DON'T SAY "HELLO" answer with the phrase that pays — say "I LISTEN TO THE RED HOT SOUND OF SUNSHINE 101" slick a 'gummy' near the phone to remind you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

NOW POST IN THE BOX  
 Sunshine 101 will phone hundreds of entrants until someone answers with the phrase that pays and wins the £20,000.00 cash:  
 TOTAL CASH TO BE WON £23,000.00  
 ONE PERSON WINS £1,000.00    ONE PERSONS WINS £2,000.00    ONE PERSON WINS £20,000.00

# **The WEEKLY REPORT ANORAKS**

## **The First with the News in Print**

No. 187.....29th November 1987.

P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.

**DISASTER!** That is the only way to describe what happened to the Ross Revenge, home of Radios Caroline and Monique, during the early hours of Wednesday, 25th November. It was at approximately 03:20, that the November North Easterlies which had been whipping the hostile North Sea into a rage, between them claimed as their victim, the magnificent 275 foot radio tower on the Ross Revenge. On land, this was a big tower, on a ship at sea, a masterpiece of engineering (in fact the tallest ever, structure built on a ship), but the seas, as in so many occasions previously, had the last word. Worse things have happened though, for example, on 19th/20th March 1980, when the Mi Amigo sank, it left the Caroline Organisation with nothing at all, only memories. At least, this time, they have everything, except the tower, and thankfully no one was hurt at all. Hopefully, as has happened so many times in the past, everyone will rally round and get the station back on the air as soon as possible. The big question: Will we ever see such a tremendous tower on a radio ship again? An interesting point to note about this unfortunate incident, was the almost complete lack of media coverage. Only Invicta Radio was heard mentioning the incident, and only extremely small items were published in the newspapers of East Anglia and the South East. There was no coverage at all by the National Daily's, as far as we could see. One wonders whether the authorities have tried to suppress the story for some reason. It would be interesting to see what sort of coverage would have occurred, if a similar size structure on an oil or gas rig in the North Sea had collapsed.

In yet another blow for offshore radio this week, we heard of possibly the first prison sentence to be handed out directly under the Marine Etc. Broadcasting Offences Act. We understand that Mr. Howard Beer received this sentence after allegedly supplying the radioships with food, water and other essentials. He was also accused of running illegal boat trips to the radioships. These offences were said to have taken place some time ago.

The sad event described in our opening paragraph, overshadows yet another big story which happened on the same day. This was the return of Radio Nova to the medium wave band, resulting from the amalgamation of Energy 103, and the 'new' Nova which followed the recently proposed radio legislation for the Irish Republic. Details on both this week's big stories can be found under the relevant headings.

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**NEW MERCHANDISE.** A further, now becoming regular, package of 10 sheets of newspaper / magazine cuttings has been assembled. Entitled 'New York Int. (2)', this package of 10 x B4 sheets has a further seven pages on the inside story and details of the short lived American offshore operation, Radio NewYork International. Along with this, there are a couple of pages about LWR in London, plus other interesting bits and pieces. For the cuttings collector, this package is a must. The price is, as before, just £1.00. Incidentally, the first package 'New York Int. (1)' is still available and contains about six or seven pages on Radio NewYork Int., plus other items, mainly about piratical activity in Scotland. This package is also priced at £1.00. Please note that no items are duplicated in the two sets. All other merchandise is in stock and would - be Christmas present buyers, should send off without delay, to avoid the Christmas postal rush (or strike!).

**NEW ARRIVALS.** From North Sea Productions, we received one of their famous "Hot Hats" in the week. Attractively designed, knitted 'bobble' hats, they feature an anchor design around the top and you can have your choice of logo on the front, or even your own name. Popular choices are Caroline, 558, 963, Monique or L.A., in any colour to suit. They are priced at £3.99 plus 40p post and packing (65p outside the U.K.) from NSP, 3 Northbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 6DL, allowing three weeks for delivery. Recommended ..... **Play - DX**, Issue 483, the weekly read for dx - ers. 6 x A4 sides of long distance logs and reports from those hard to hear stations. Printed partly in English, Italian and

Spanish, further details can be obtained from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... **Short Wave Newsletter**, Issue 29. 6 X A4 sides here too, covering legal and pirate, details from SWN, 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH..... **Now Radio Reports**, Issue 005, the fortnightly fill - in between magazines, has 10 X A4 sides (+ 8 x A4 sides in 'Eric', a technical supplement), covering all aspects of radio. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

**TAPE OFFERS.** Tijuana time again, as we return to Baja California (Mexico) for another 'border blaster'. Tape 127, on side 'A', **XETRA - FM ('91X')** blasts out 'the cutting edge of rock' to San Diego and L.A. from Tijuana, whilst on side 'B', over the border itself into San Diego for a West Coast style 'Zoo', **KFMB - FM ('B100')** 'B Morning Zoo'. Hear it done right with the Rich Bros. Less rock, more pop, on this side. Both recordings made on 22nd October. Tape 128, and yet another FM version of a recording offered last week (AM and FM are different over there). **WTIC - FM** from Hartford, Connecticut, with Gary Craig and Company on 2nd November. Finally this week, Tape 129 features an AM station from Ireland, which changes name about 30 minutes into the recording. It starts with the final thirty minutes of Dublin 'super - pirate' **Energy Power 103**, with the D.J. hinting at something big happening at 13:00. At this time, the station identifies, then, after a small technical hitch, a fairly lengthy announcement that Nova and Energy are merging and carrying on as **Nova Power 103**. The news follows, which includes a story on the collapse of the Radio Caroline

tower. As stated, this is an AM recording, and was made in Blackpool. However, quality is good, but of course, all the interest comes from the various announcements made, which will make this particular one a collector's item in time to come. All tapes are C.90's and cost £2.00 each.

**RADIO STATION NEWS...IRELAND.** Despite the threat of impending legislation, there is still plenty of excitement in the Dublin radio scene. Wednesday morning saw **Energy 103** on the air as normal on both 738kHz., and 103.0MHz. Tony McKenzie failed to appear for his mid - morning show, and this was hosted by Niall McGowan. Tony in fact was doing some engineering work, the results of which we would hear later in the day. Around lunchtime, we began hearing announcements for everyone to listen out at one o' clock for something special. Towards this time, Cassidy Jones was also in the studio, and the two jocks built everyone up to bursting point at 13:00, wondering what would happen. The on - hour announcement on Energy 103 was played as normal, and then there was a break of several seconds and then Independent Radio News. The first item on this bulletin read as follows... "Good Afternoon: Energy Power 103 FM and the new Radio Nova have amalgamated in view of the pending legislation on independent radio for Ireland, as announced by the Minister for Communications, Ray Burke, last week. The station name as from now, is 'Nova Power 103 FM'. In line with the legislation outlined last week, twenty per cent of the daily output of Nova Power 103 FM will now consist of news, information and current affairs of particular relevance to Dublin city. Nova Power 103 FM is proud to be associated at this time with Dublin's Millenium Year, and for this reason, will be placing special emphasis during the coming months, on Dublin, its past and future. 'Dublin Today', an hour long programme of news and items of current affairs, will be aired each weekday evening from six to seven pm, as and from this evening. Nova Power 103 FM is particularly proud of its news service and will be making a special effort to provide as much information on a variety of subjects as possible, paying particular attention to the Dublin community. And Nova Power 103 FM will now be providing a news up - date on the half hour, in addition to its hourly bulletins. Chris Cary, the founder of Radio Nova, has been hired on a consultancy basis by Nova Power 103 FM to steer the programming of the new station. Brian McKenzie has been appointed as station manager and joins the board of directors. Sybil Fennell becomes chief executive and Tony McKenzie and Brian McKenzie become joint shareholders and directors. Nova Power 103 FM now broadcasts on 99.9 and 103 FM and on 738 AM. Nova Power 103 FM brings you this new programme line - up as and from this afternoon, with 'Dublin Today' on air from six to seven, this evening'. The station then duly continued as stated, playing all the old favourite jingles. 'Dublin Today' has returned and is hosted by Sybil Fennell, Bob Gallico and Tina Gates. A new 'on the hour' announcement has been heard, voiced by Chris Cary. The line - up appears to be..... 07:00 Cassidy Jones.... 11:00 Pat Courteney... 14:00 Tony McKenzie... 18:00 'Dublin Today'.... 19:00 John O'Hara.... 00:00 Liam Coburn. Interestingly, following the re - appearance of Nova some weeks ago, Sean Coyne in his free radio show, on Radio West, suggested that exactly this would happen. The station is now using the Leeson Street address, whereas last week, Energy used Leeson Street and Nova, Herbert Street.

The other Dublin stations must have watched all this with mouths agape, never for a minute believing that anything like this would happen. One station, eager to be in with a chance of a licence to broadcast to their community area, **Liberties 104**, have engaged the services of two well known and experienced personnel from another station. They are Kieran Murray and Ian Scott and between them, they hope to steer the station to a position amongst the top five in Dublin. They commence at 07:00 tomorrow morning, 30th November, and Kieran will handle the breakfast show from 07:00 until 11:00, whereupon Ian will take over the lunchtime slot until 15:00. We wish them well in their new positions. The station can be heard in parts of Western Britain on the very busy channel of 1035kHz. They also broadcast locally on the FM band, on 104.0MHz.

**Q 102** extended their prize giving, yesterday, with every fifth caller winning an item of Sony Hi - Fi.

Finally in the Dublin area, since the appearance of Nova, one or two moves in frequency have had to be made. The busy area around 100.0MHz. now looks something like this....

99.5 Treble T.R..... 99.8 Zee 100 (Kildare).... 99.9 Nova.... 100.1 Radio West (Mullingar).... 100.3 Sunshine and Boyneside Radio (Drogheda), although later reports tell us that Boyneside intend to return to 100.1 as from tomorrow, in addition to 100.5MHz.(from 100.3). With Sunshine also on 100.7 (from 100.5), there is lots of activity in this part of the band, so if you are still confused, it is no wonder!

**Dublin South Community Radio** is a new addition to the FM band, in Dublin. Very much a community station, the studios and transmitter are located in the Dundrum area and programmes feature interviews with organisations in the immediate area. Transmissions are on 97.7MHz. with broadcasting confined to evenings, usually about two hours, starting at 20:00. The station address is 1A Ballanteer Road, Dundrum, Co. Dublin.

**Co. MEATH.** **Radio Carousel** in Navan have moved their FM channel once again, and can now be heard on 105.0MHz. This is in addition, of course, to 1386kHz.AM., the location of which, has, incidentally been moved again. They had been transmitting from the Navan Greyhound Track on the Trim Road, but now, they have moved it across the road to the other side.

According to various reports, planning permission for the proposed new aerial mast for Radio Tara / Radio 5, or whatever they decide to call it, has been granted. Apparently, the local residents intend to fight this decision, as the tower stands as high as the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and is virtually 'in their back gardens', rather than being sited in some remote area.

**Co. LOUTH.** **Boyneside Radio** have up - graded their medium wave transmitter on 1305kHz. and installed a new audio section into the transmitter and this has also been carried out with the Carrickcannon transmitter on 1233kHz. FM frequencies have been changed again, as stated above. In Carrickcannon, **Radio Carousel N.I.** have installed a new FM transmitter on 99.3MHz. This transmitter is causing mixing, we are told, with Boyneside and Rainbow, and could result in a very serious situation.

**Co. WATERFORD.** Despite poor groundwave conditions, we were still able to hear **ABC Radio** in the week, on 1026kHz. Their current line - up, for the benefit of people better able to hear them, was..... 07:00 Andy McCluskey, 11:00 Kevin McCarthy, 15:00 Tony Murrell, 19:00 Roddy Cleare, 21:00 Neil Butler, 23:00 Jimmy Ryan, 02:00 Steven Dee. News is read by Dave Hunt on the hour, with headlines on the half hour, from 07:00 until 19:00 daily.

**Co. CORK.** According to newspaper reports (see cuttings) **Radio ERI** have joined forces with the old enemy, the **Cork Examiner**, in order to apply for a licence. The station continues to operate off channel and we are informed that contact has been made by Boyneside Radio, as to rectifying this situation. Rather reluctantly, Radio ERI have agreed to purchase a new crystal. In the meantime, however, 1305kHz. continues to yield a wonderful selection of noises and stations. Still in the Cork City area, **WBEN** have now dropped the American music format, in favour of Top 40, oldies and Irish. This is a pity, as many people enjoyed this really alternative format. Their current line - up is... 07:00 Rob Allen, 10:00 Steve O'Neil, 13:00 Tony Black, 15:00 Philip Gee, 19:00 Scott Shannon, 22:00 Romano, 00:00 'Gentle Ben', 02:00 Close. Romano's weekday programme is apparently very good, with a phone - in and lots of chat from Romano, who actually plays what you ask him to! Romano also hosts a six hour Irish programme on Sunday afternoons, at 12:00. The other two stations in the city continue, they are **Sunshine FM** and **Centre Radio FM**.

Across in Bandon, **WKLR** seem to be doing very well and hoping for a licence, also. Unfortunately, they are still playing tapes overnight. They held their 3rd Annual Dinner Dance last Friday (27th), in the Munster Arms Hotel in Bandon. Current line - up here reads.... 07:00 Martin Murphy, 10:00 John Green, 14:00 Michael Sullivan, 18:00 'Clare', 20:00 or 21:00 Tapes. They now do news bulletins, morning ones read by Clare, lunchtime by Martin and evening by John.

**Co. GALWAY.** According to Radio West this morning, one of **KFM's** FM transmitters could not be heard. However, later in the show, they mentioned that KFM had now moved all its studio into Galway city itself. This would account for one channel (the studio link) being absent for a spell. **County Sound** in Tuam are also understood to be having some problems with their transmitters. The 98.5 one, which used to cover a very large area, has apparently not been noted with as good a signal as normal.

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**LOTTO 6 / 49.** In the draw held on Wednesday 18th November, the winning numbers were..... 18, 36, 40, 43, 45, 49 and the bonus number was 33. One lucky person won \$5,000,000 as the first prize. The second prize was shared by 6 lucky winners who each received \$151,491. 243 people shared the third prize and each received \$2,860.

In the draw held on Saturday 21st November, the winning numbers were..... 1, 7, 11, 12, 29, 39 and the bonus number was 16. 3 people shared the first prize and received \$1,666,666. The second prize was shared between 9 winners who each received \$99,584 and the third prize went to 559 people who each got \$1,226. Play Lotto 6 / 49 today.

**GENERAL.** The Caroline Movement Hertfordshire Branch are holding their next meeting at the Frog and Rhubarb Public House, Slip End, near Luton, on Sunday 6th December at mid - day. New members are very welcome to come along and meet in an informal atmosphere, just to chat about free radio.

**FOR SALE.** Large selection of free radio recordings at very reasonable prices.... Contact P. Tilt, 15B Hemplands, Lowestoft, Suffolk RN32 1JN.

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**LAND - BASED STATIONS IN THE U.K.**

**LONDON WEEKEND SURVEY 20-23 November 1987.**

Dragged from his sick bed, Sid manages to put us together a brief run down of the activity from last weekend.... "Open one eye, now the other. Look around. What day is it? Never mind what day it is, what year is it? My God, the Survey! I look at the two little green bottles standing beside the bed. Is it the red pills that wake me up, or is it the blue ones that put me down. I can't remember. Three of each should be enough. I may end up dancing in my sleep, but it should hold me together long enough to do the survey. The last five days have just disappeared like an LWR transmitter on a dark night. Flu has laid me as low as a reggae record's bass line, but there are people out there relying on me, so I struggle up and with help from various little bottles and lots of leather straps to hold me at the control panel, I set off on a brief journey through London's privateer radio land.

The DoTI people seem to have stepped up the pressure a bit of late, although it doesn't seem to have added to their overtime, as most of the busts going on at the moment are in the daytime. A number of stations were hit in mid - week, including **Solar 93** (yet again!!) and **Chicago '87** (again) who apparently lost a studio. As far as can be heard, with the exception of Chicago '87, they were all back by Sunday.

Because of the necessarily short time spent at the controls this week, it was not always possible to confirm ID's of every station logged. This was the case with a new station found on 93.2MHz, and said to be on air from 8pm until midnight every night. It is not thought to be **Roots FM** who were taken out so quickly by the DoTI people. **Solar 93** (92.95 - stereo) returned with their umpteenth transmitter in two months after their bust, and have a good strong signal. **LWR** (92.05 - stereo), who lost a transmitter on Monday (poetic justice?), only had one channel working, which sounded decidedly odd.

**LGR** (95.5), it appears, are getting up Capital Radio's (95.8) nose. Well, it's time something else was getting up their nose. Maybe if Capital were to shake off some of their middle age lethargy, they might take some of the youth market that the privateers and BBC Radio London seem to have cornered.

Brixton's **Phase 1** are back on 90.95MHz., but still not with the power of yore. Still, this gets out of the hair of Southall's **Swinging Radio India** (90.85) who can be heard quite clearly now.

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South West London's **Raiders FM** have dropped down to 97.7MHz., presumably to avoid Wembley's **Traffic Jam** (97.85), but this could prove even more dodgy, being adjacent to a Chiltern Radio relay.

It was not possible to confirm **R - FM's** (94.3 stereo - Sunday) presence as although **K - Jazz** (94.25 - Sunday) were not on the air again, the **Starpoint** transmitter, which **K - Jazz** time - share, was alive and kicking, putting out dead air, and just waiting to be used. However not a sound issued forth. As far as the other rock stations are concerned,

veteran rockers **Radio Free London** were not heard, but may still be trying to sort out their rogue transmitter. **London Rock** haven't been heard for some weeks now, but are supposed to be getting their act together soon.

Well, the effect of the pills are beginning to wear off, so it's back to the new bottle of 'Hot Toddy's' that I have prescribed for myself."

Hopefully, Sid will be back to his normal self next week, with the aid of his bottle of 'tonic'.

Last week, we forgot to include a list of stations that were on the air, so with Sid not being able to monitor as much, we thought we would make a resume of them.

**Stomp FM** is the name of a new station which been heard on the Essex side of London during the past couple of Sundays. Claiming to be 'Essex's Soul Station', they broadcast on 105.2MHz., in stereo. The format is similar to other stations broadcasting the same music, and as is the case with many other London stations, seems to be more there to publicise a certain Pub / Club in Essex.

New also last weekend, was **NMR** who were heard testing on Friday evening (13th November) from 22:00 until late. The test was being made on 89.6MHz., and an address was read out of BM / NMR, London WC1 3XX. For a change, the music was not soul / disco, but an oldies format.

Although Sid was unable to hear **R - FM** (94.3), they were apparently on the air, and audible in North London, although the report indicated that the frequency was a 'mess'. Also not heard by Sid last Sunday, was **Radio Free London** who operated between about 19:00 and 01:00. They were heard in Essex, so the signal was obviously not strong enough to travel into Sussex, where Sid is based. The distortion heard in previous weeks had apparently gone, but the carrier was a little 'fuzzy'. D.J.'s heard were Kenny Myers, Pete Russell, and John Dawson.

Yet another Greek station was heard last Sunday, this time on 103.9MHz. No name was ascertained during the period of listening.

Stations heard so far, this weekend....**CDR** on 88.7, **RJR** on 90.0, **RTR** on 90.25, **Soul FM** on 90.6, **Sina Radio** on 90.8, **Faze 1** on 90.9, **Sky FM** on 91.6, **LWR** on 92.05, **Studio FM** on 92.7, **Solar 93** on 93.0, **Kiss FM** on 93.95, **RFM** on 94.3, **Chicago 87** on 94.5, **Girls FM** on 96.9, **Traffic Jam** on 97.8, **TKO** on 102.4, **Fresh FM** on 103.3, **Time Radio** on 103.8, **Greek Community Radio** on 104.2, **JBC** on 104.3, **Raiders FM** on 105.2 and **Hits FM** on 105.6MHz. Following problems on 97.8, due to Traffic Jam, **Raiders FM** made tests on Wednesday and Thursday nights last (25th and 26th) on 105.2MHz. The signal was much improved on this frequency. Full programmes on this new channel commenced on Friday morning. The only problem was a new station in the Essex area, called **Stomp FM**, who also use this frequency on a Sunday afternoon / evening.

**OXFORD.** **Central Oxford Radio** was logged at 20:30 last Sunday (22nd), on 104.7MHz. An address was given out... P.O. Box 5, 15 Cowley Road, Oxford.

**BRISTOL.** After printing the October report from Terry, last week, this week we received an up to date account of the happenings in this city.... "Just over 24 hours after **103.5 FM** signed off for, as Baldrick put it, 'the last time for three weeks', they were back on Monday 26th October on 103.75MHz., in stereo. This was announced as a test transmission, and commenced at around 23:00 with non-stop music, and pre-recorded announcements. The station closed at 23:45. This is the first time since the station's launch a year ago, that they had been heard on a Monday evening. The following night (27th October) similar tests were carried out, this time between 20:43 and 21:00.

On Sunday 1st November, **B.A.D. Radio** were on with very low power on 106.95MHz., in mono. Nothing more was heard in the city until the following Sunday, 8th November, when **B.A.D. Radio** returned with a stronger than normal signal, on the same frequency. Audio at this time was distorted, and very low, however the deejay knew about this, as he announced technical problems. Despite this, they programmed their diet of rap and soul throughout that evening.

At 09:00 on Saturday 14th November, the grand re-opening of **103.5 FM** was awaited eagerly, however the station did not appear. An hour and twenty minutes later saw the return of the persevering pirate on 103.8MHz., but on very low power. Baldrick and Lord Meltewt announced 'sabotage by the Welsh captain and crew of the ship'! At 12:45 they

closed down whilst they sorted out the problems. **103.5 FM** finally hit the airwaves in style the following evening (15th November), in stereo, and on full power. The theme tunes of 'Two Tribes' and 'Network 7' were played at 18:39, with programmes commencing at 19:00 with the Baldrick Juke Box. Closedown was at 23:00. The same evening (15th), **B.A.D. Radio** were on just a little up the band on 106.95MHz., with the usual diet of black music. They had an action-packed show, and announced a **B.A.D.** party to be held on Saturday 28th November at 177 Ashley Road. Also mentioned was the Tropic Club, and the fact that several **Girls FM**, **Time FM** and **Kiss FM** disc jockeys would be doing gigs there soon. The audio levels were very low again, and the microphone almost impossible to decipher at times. This was the complete reverse to 103.5 FM.

**B.A.D. FM** (106.95) commenced a marathon weekend on Friday evening, 20th November and continued through until late on Sunday evening. The normal music selection was in fact broken up this time, with a lot of pop music tracks, possibly to attract more listeners. **103.5 FM** were late on, the following morning, Saturday 21st November, and were heard with country music as a test, but programmed through from 10:20 until 12:00. Disaster struck their transmitter for their regular Sunday evening broadcast on 22nd November, when spurious signals began appearing all across the band. The station closed down a bit later, with Andy Chapman announcing that due to a transmitter fault they would be off the air for seven days.

**MANCHESTER.** The quiet period we have had recently in the North West, as regards DTI raids, was shattered early last Tuesday morning (24th November), when **Independent Community Radio** were visited by the authorities and subsequently closed down. This station had recently been gaining a lot of listeners in the Greater Manchester area, and not only in the Moss Side area which it served. The recent expansion to 24 hour, 7 day operation probably attracted the attention of the DTI more than the previous months of operation. Also, their signal had been in stereo recently. The cutting below from the Manchester Evening News of Thursday 26th November, explains more about their disappearance on Tuesday.

# Raid puts pirates off the air!

By Neal Keelling

**MANCHESTER'S** only black community pirate radio station has been sunk.

But presenters say ICR, which operates from various addresses in Hulme and Moss Side, will be back on the air soon.

Equipment worth more than £6,000 was confiscated when police and Department of Trade and Industry officials carried out a dawn swoop on a house just 100 yards from Moss Side police station.

The radio station hit the airwaves on April 2 and broadcasts to a mainly inner-city audience, but reaches as far as Glossop and Bury on 103.5 FM.

Two DJs who were on the air at the time of the raid have been quizzed by Department of Trade officers.

Only two weeks ago the station began broadcasting seven days a week and almost 24 hours a day.

Programme presenter Paul Williams, who is waiting to be ordained, said: "There are no adequate programmes for the Afro-Caribbean community on local radio.

Two hours of reggae music a week is really not enough.

"We provide a valuable service presenting programmes for children and women, and doing documentaries. Last week we did a special programme on Aids.

"The presenters work on a voluntary basis and the station is financed from support within the black community by holding dances.

"We are going to get back on the air again."

A spokesman for the Department of Trade said: "We did enter two premises and have interviewed three people for possible prosecution."

She warned that the maximum sentence for radio pirates was a £2,000 fine or three months prison.

"Illegal stations do interfere with legitimate radio stations and more importantly can also disrupt emergency services," she added.

ICR's FM frequency is just a fraction away from Piccadilly Radio's on 103 FM.

In February, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd announced a Green Paper on the future of local community radio.

In the South Manchester district, only **W.K.L.R.** have been monitored this past week. They were reported heard for only 20 minutes, at 19:20 on Wednesday 18th November. Susie Mitchell announced that they would not

be staying on the air that night, but would be operating from a new location the following Saturday evening (21st). On the said Saturday evening, WK.L.R. re - appeared from their new studio, and their signal was reported as better than previous. A new presenter was noted called Neil Ash. The station was also on the air on Sunday night (22nd) at a slightly earlier time of 18:30. Simon Richards was heard at this time, followed by Neil Ash at 20:30 and finally Susie Mitchell from 22:30 until closedown at 23:40.

No other station has been monitored in the Manchester area this week. I.B.C. from Bury are expected to commence broadcasts once more, during early December on 104.4MHz.

**RENFREWSHIRE.** **Neon Radio** (103.9MHz.) have now dropped their mid - week broadcast, and are concentrating on Saturday and Sunday only programming. On Saturday (28th), programmes began later than usual at 13:20, and then suddenly cut off at 15:23. This was due to recognised R.I.S. officers being seen in the area of the transmitter. Sunday's broadcasts commenced at the regular time, although a new start up sequence is now being used, for 5 minutes prior to each broadcast. This involves a test tone, followed by an announcement 'This is Neon Radio 103.5 FM. Programmes commence in five minutes'. This is then repeated at 3 minutes to programme start - up. Finally 'Man of Action' is played and the programmes commence. The Anorak Show today, with Bob and Alec consisted of the two talking about the attempted raid on the station the previous afternoon.

**YORKSHIRE, DERBYSHIRE AND HUMBERSIDE.** On Thursday 19th, **WLNG** was reported on 104.95MHz. At just after 21:00, an announcer was heard to identify the station and ask for reception reports to be sent to Media Promotions, P.O. Box 32, Scunthorpe, South Humberside. The station closed down at 22:43. Reception in Chesterfield was reported as 'good'. The station was heard again on 26th November between 20:25 and 00:00 closedown. This was another test in preparation for a return to their previous Tuesday and Thursday night schedules. In the latter test, they announced that reception reports had been received from Leeds, Morley, Rotherham, Sheffield and Chesterfield.

North of the river in Hull, **Radio Takoradi** just made a single appearance last Saturday night (21st November). The signal was much improved on previous ones, and covered most of the city, and the power increase to 25 watts announced last week, now seems to have taken place. The station signed on at 17:30 with the announcement "Live and direct from your favourite local, this is 105 F.M., Radio Takoradi". K.D. announced that he would do the soul show for an hour, and then Jack Master Lee would do his Hip - Hop show until 19:30 closedown. This didn't happen, as at 18:20, K.D. was heard appealing for the Jack Master to 'touch up the studio'. He didn't however, as at 18:40, K.D. re - appeared saying that he had failed to turn up, and would play the hip - hop himself until 19:30. The station has been advertising regularly for new presenters. All D.J.'s should apply to : (Jocks), Radio Takoradi, Rear Groove Promotions, c/o 57 Albany Street, Spring Bank, Hull. Other adverts were noted for the Radio Takoradi / Houseteam Outer National Roadshows, with bookings being obtained from the same address. The Sunday night broadcasts have been dropped until more presenters can be found.

Across in West Yorkshire, **Music City Radio** have been heard during weekends for the past couple of weeks. However, they are not pushing their luck at the moment, and only come on the air during late afternoon / evenings, on both Saturday and Sundays. Their frequency remains as 90.3MHz.

Reports indicate that **Radio Veronica** made some test transmissions to the Bradford area, on Friday and Saturday evenings. The frequency used was 105.5MHz. No more details are known.

In South Yorkshire, several stations are still in operation on the FM band. **Rebel Radio** (105.3MHz.) have been on the air each Friday evening since 17th July, and are understood to have only missed 3 broadcasts to date. However on Friday, 20th November, the station commenced broadcasts at the regular time of 19:00, and at 21:32, the station suddenly went off the air. The station operator and presenter 'Scooter Jones' has apparently decided to close the station down due to an unknown suspicious vehicle and occupants parked outside the studio. The first vehicle was understood to have then been joined by a police car. As a result of this near miss, Scooter decided to close the station down. From reports we have received, Rebel Radio was a fun station to listen to, with competitions, phone - ins,

requests, dedications, news etc. Ken, in Rotherham also reports in this area, **Ocean Sound** (106.3) can still be heard often on Saturday evenings. During November, station presenter Robert has been heard on 7th and 14th. On Tuesday evening, 24th November, **Solid Soul Radio** were heard on the air. They tried all frequencies between 104.8 and 106.45MHz., finally settling on 105.8MHz. However, due to the programmes being on tape, 106MHz., was still being announced. The signal on this transmission was weaker than previously. Lastly in South Yorkshire, a signal keeps appearing on 105.9MHz., playing continuous pop music, with no speech or identity. Has anyone any ideason this last un - identified station?

**MERSEYSIDE.** No monitoring was possible last Monday, but it is thought **Radio Merseywaves** on 1242kHz. and **North Coast Radio** on 1350kHz. would have been active. Indeed, on Friday both these stations were once again noted, although RMW were not heard till nearly lunchtime. We later found out that the station was active much earlier, but someone had not thrown the right switches and the D.J. had been playing for two hours, just to himself! These two were joined by **Radio Atlantis** on Saturday morning, on 1197kHz. **Horizon FM** made a test broadcast yesterday (28th) during the afternoon, between 15:00 and 16:00. The power used was 50 watts, compared with only 10 watts earlier in the year. The signal was received well throughout Merseyside, on the slightly lower frequency of 105.3MHz. The station was missed by us, as it only broadcast for a short period. We are informed that full broadcasts are planned for the Christmas period, possibly on 102.3MHz. No other stations were noted on FM from this area on Saturday, or indeed throughout the week, but on Sunday, **Radio Veronica 104** was heard here, during the afternoon, on 104.75MHz., with Neil Frazer. This station is understood to begin broadcasts at 15:00 till around tea time. Despite repeated attempts, no trace of Liverpool Pirate Radio was noted today. They usually broadcast around 1404kHz. Tim Jackson reports that he was just able to identify this station last Sunday, although only with great difficulty due to low power and poor conditions enabling the foreigners to penetrate even at quite an early hour of the day.

Finally, the reason for this section now being towards the end of the report is that due to an extra two pages, we have to commence printing earlier, and as we can hear transmissions from this area ourselves, we leave it till last, to enable any late news to be included.

**THE MIDLANDS.** Still lots of happenings in this area, despite some heavy DTI activity in recent weeks. In fact, all stations were noted off the air for a time last Monday (23rd), and this was presumably due to yet more imminent raids. First off however, **Second City Radio** who we reported were back on last weekend, with a good signal continued to broadcast until around 15:00 on Monday afternoon on 95.05MHz. At this point they were heard to hastily leave the air, saying that they would be back shortly. Indeed, they returned to the air sometime after 17:00, and continued as normal. However, no reports of them being heard since Thursday (26th) have reached us, so perhaps the DTI were successful later in the week. **Radio P.C.R.L.** who since their raid two weeks ago, have been broadcasting on 103.9MHz., also seemed to be having a few problems last Monday, with no audio being heard that afternoon, although regular programmes were heard during the morning. Our reporter mentions that when they did return with programmes later in the evening, the microphone sounded different, suggesting that other equipment was being used. P.C.R.L. have been heard continuously since. **Enterprise FM** (90.9) were also having problems last Monday and Tuesday, with several breaks in transmission, but now seem to be broadcasting as normal.

Several weekend stations have been on the air, including **Wrekin Radio** with their regular 'last Sunday of the month' broadcast. Today, they were heard on 105.35MHz., and reports indicate they were getting out well. **Soul City Radio** have now settled on the 103.75MHz., position for their weekly Sunday morning broadcasts. They had used 103.9MHz. for several months, however Radio P.C.R.L. now occupies this channel.

**U.K. Radio** broadcast last Sunday evening (22nd) on 105.4MHz. Their signal was much stronger than it has been in the past. Whether this was just the chosen site, or more power is not known. In Shropshire, **Sunshine Radio** made a short test on 1017kHz., this morning, just playing continuous music and jingles between around 11:00 - 12:00.

**OFFSHORE STATIONS. THE VOICE OF PEACE.** The state radio station, Kol Israel, is still on strike, which means the VOP is cashing in still with the adverts. Station owner, Abie Nathan, has dropped international news in English and local news in Hebrew, so as not to be in conflict with the journalists who are striking. Financial news reports can still be heard each evening, however. Current line - up as of Thursday 19th Nov..... 00:00 John McDonald, 03:00 Ian Hudson, 06:00 Tim Shepherd, 09:00 Neil Armstrong, 13:00 Steve Richards, 16:00 John McDonald, 18:00 Steve Richards, 19:30 Tim Shepherd, 22:00 Neil Armstrong. On shore leave... 'Chris' Mould. No major breaks in transmission have been noted, only the usual short ones for maintenance etc.

**RADIO MONIQUE.** Since the move to 819kHz., right next to Chiltern Radio on 828kHz., we have wondered what exactly the signal is like in that area. Julian from Luton writes... 'With regard to Monique's move to 819kHz., the signal is very poor here in the Luton area, due to the splatter from Chiltern Radio on 828kHz., and can only be heard clearly some 10 - 15 miles East of Luton, in Stevenage or Welwyn Garden City. Interestingly, if you then tune to Chiltern, the reverse happens, with Chiltern subject to splatter from Monique. It will be interesting to see how Chiltern feel about this situation, as these towns are within their coverage area'. Of course, since this was written, the station has lost its aerial tower and is unable to broadcast at present. We think every attempt will be made to get the station back on the air, with the minimum of delay.

**RADIO CAROLINE 558.** Whilst we, in the North West, enjoyed clear, crisp weather (and good AM groundwave conditions), as a result of North Easterly winds, early week, our friends on the North Sea were suffering from very rough seas once again. As we went to bed on Tuesday evening, the North Easterlies had not let up, and were still buffeting the exposed ship. We last heard the station at about 01:45 and as far as we can ascertain, they went off mid - record at about 02:50, the D.J.'s having been laughing and joking only minutes previously. It was at this point that the whole of the huge mast separated from its base, just a few inches above the deck. In the severe sea conditions, as the ship rolled one way, the mast went the other way and was simply hanging precariously, just by the guys. An SOS was sent out at this time, as the staff on board were unsure where the mast was going to collapse. Had it collapsed on to the bridge, then all communications with land, would have been severed, plus persons may well have been injured. At about 03:20, following about half an hour in this precarious position, the whole of the mast came down and luckily fell away from the bridge/ studios / cabins. It was still remained attached to the ship, however, by numerous guy wires, bending over the side and dipping down towards the sea bed. Contact was made with the coast guard and the situation explained. The coast guard remained 'standing by' and a helicopter and possibly another aircraft were thought to have been out to view the situation. The first listeners knew about it, was when first, Radio Monique, then, Radio Caroline 558 failed to re - appear on the air, at 04:00 and 05:00 respectively. We, too, noted them both missing, but, as we are sure many others thought, put this down to the stormy weather. The first news telling us that something was amiss, appeared on Invicta Sound, who informed their listeners what had happened. The report was very sketchy and the sentence, 'the transmitters were hanging on by a thread' had us completely confused. We later gathered that it was the mast they meant. The report went thus.... Finally, the weather again, and the pirate radio station, Caroline, has been knocked off the air in fierce winds that have battered Kent and the coast overnight. The station's main transmitter (!) on the vessel, Ross Revenge, is hanging by a thread. The coast guard helicopter's standing by to ensure the safety of the twelve man crew' The coastguard confirmed the report, but nothing further was heard nor seen on later bulletins on radio or television. The London Standard carried a couple of lines, as did Friday's Daily Telegraph and the East Anglian Daily Times, who had a little more to say. All three can be seen re - produced in the cuttings sheet for this week. No pictures of the damage are at hand, due to the severe weather conditions, even the EADT used an old library picture. We contacted a known aerial photographer and they said it would be impossible to get out there until conditions improved greatly. We understand that a ship did go out to view the damage but was only able to sail close by, due to the height of the waves, but did satisfy themselves

that no one on board, nor the ship was in any danger at this stage. They can now only wait for the seas to calm, before assessing the damage and effecting any repairs. Latest reports say that conditions are moderating and the remains of the mast have been cut loose and the whole lot dumped overboard. A temporary 'T' aerial is hoped to be erected as soon as possible to get both channels back in action, albeit with low power. The line up had remained the same, until the incident, which was..... 05:00 Kevin Turner, 09:00 Keith Francis, 13:00 Nigel Harris, 17:00 Tim Allen, 21:00 Chris Kennedy, 01:00 Pat Brookes. News, again, had been read by Nigel Harris at breakfast, Kevin Turner at lunch and Keith Francis in the afternoon. Let's hope that this time next week, we can bring some good news about events on board.

**M.V. COMMUNICATOR.** Strangely enough, whilst the Ross Revenge was struggling and losing, the Communicator was riding out the storm. Luckily they had no aerials erected to lose, although conditions were that bad, they might even have lost them off the deck! They didn't, so are still in a position to get them up and back on the air.

So, once again, the North Sea is silent, only this time they are two chances for the silence to be broken. Let's hope both are successful and we can once again, tune their way.

#### **SHORTWAVE STATIONS..Today's Log..29th November 1987.**

6210kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO INT., at 10:33gmt.  
6223kHz...UNID.(Dutch), at 12:10gmt.  
6240kHz...RADIO RAINBOW INT. at 12:05gmt.  
6275kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 10:26gmt.  
6275kHz...RADIO ELECTRA, at 11:55gmt.  
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:02gmt.  
6280kHz...RADIO ANDREA, at 11:50gmt.  
6290kHz...C.L.C.G., at 09:10gmt.  
6290kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:31gmt.  
6295kHz...RADIO KRISTEL INT., at 09:15gmt.  
6300kHz...BORDER RADIO, at 09:20gmt.  
6306kHz...BRITAIN RADIO INT., at 10:17gmt.  
6315kHz...UNID., at 11:00gmt.  
6318kHz...W.L.R., at 09:32gmt.  
6850kHz...RADIO SKYWAVE INT., at 10:27gmt.  
7315kHz...RADIO DIAMOND, at 10:33gmt.  
7361kHz...RADIO 101, at 09:23gmt.  
7423kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 10:15gmt.

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Conditions were very good on the shortwave bands today, with all except the furthest stations being heard very clearly indeed. Very few fades were evident. Logs on **BOLD** are ours, here in Blackpool, others were kindly rung in on (0253) 882017 by loggers in the Midlands and in Bremen, West Germany (Radiotelex).

This is possibly Radio Rainbow's last broadcast, although not necessarily, as Kieran Murray leaves the area to join a Dublin station (see earlier). Heddy Eddie is open to suggestions for the future (e.g. someone to buy the operation, the transmitters, or to do programmes), so if anyone has any ideas or plans, they may contact Eddie at 151 Moneymore, Drogheda, Co. Louth, Eire. Kieran tells us that he may do the odd show from time to time, as availability permits.

The UNID. on 6315kHz. was playing non - stop instrumental music. Programmes on Skywave were of one hour duration and were played over and over again, from 08:00 until 13:00. Radio Diamond is a German station and uses the Wuppertal address.

Radio East Coast Commercial will be on the air from 10:00 on Christmas Day and will be having a live telephone line for those who wish to ring in during the hours of this special programme (only). The telephone number will be (04853) 2742. Do not ring this number any other time.

